

Student Spotlight: Idalise Suarez-Velazquez, Ph.D.

School/Degree: Ponce Health Sciences University/ Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

What student program were you involved in at HealthSource of Ohio? Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Behavioral Health

What are your career goals/interests? My goal is to have a position where I can help kids and parents directly via clinical care, but also at a larger level by helping the organization develop programs to help kids with their emotional development.

What do you like to do in your free time? Being with my family and my dog.

What's something you've done recently that was out of your comfort zone? Moving. I'm from Puerto Rico and moving from another country is difficult because I needed to learn about a new culture and a new way of living.

What made you interested in HealthSource of Ohio? All the opportunities that the organization has for you to grow as a professional. But especially the philosophy of helping communities in need.

Please share your favorite experience while at HealthSource of Ohio: The treatment in general of the staff, but especially my colleagues. It feels like home.

What advice would you share with other students? Being a student is hard! It requires a lot of organization and perseverance. Don't rush things. If it's meant to be, the universe will make it happen.