

Our Mission:

To empower people to make choices that result in a life of dignity and increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Week of March 19th, 2018

Being a Social Worker Means . . .

You will never be bored.
You will always be frustrated.
You will be surrounded by challenges.
So much to do and so little time.
You will carry immense responsibility and very little authority.
You will step into people's lives and you will make a difference.
Some will bless you.
Some will curse you.
You will see people at their worst . . . and their best.
You will never cease to be amazed at people's capacity for love, courage, and endurance.
You will see life begin . . . and end.
You will experience resounding triumphs and devastating failures.
You will cry a lot.
You will laugh a lot.
You will know what it is to be human and to be humane.

March is National Social Workers Month!

Food Truck Wednesday!

Willie D's Soul Food Kitchen

Wednesday, 3/21 - 11am-1:30pm

\$8 Catfish Basket
\$7 Smoked Brisket Sandwich
\$8 Loaded Baked Potato

See Something? Say Something!

Severe Weather Tips

1. Develop a disaster plan for you and your family at home, work, school, and when outdoors. The American Red Cross offers planning tips and information on a putting together a disaster supplies kit at: <http://www.redcross.org>
2. Identify a safe place to take shelter. Information on how to build a Safe Room in your home or school is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at: http://www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/to_saferoom.shtm
3. Know the county/parish in which you live or visit – and in what part of that county you are located. The National Weather Service issues severe weather warnings on a county/parish basis, or for a portion of a county/parish.
4. Keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins.
5. Have a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver unit with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warning bulletins.
6. National Weather Service (NWS) watches and warnings are also available on the Internet. Select your local NWS office at: <http://www.weather.gov/organization.php> ...or go to the to the NWS Home Page at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>
7. Listen to commercial radio or television/cable TV for weather information.
8. Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. Watch for signs of approaching storms.
9. If severe weather threatens, check on people who are elderly, very young, or physically or mentally disabled. Don't forget about pets and farm animals.

Support the AbSSLC Tigers!

Each year, the AbSSLC Tigers Special Olympic Team raises funds for their competitions and trips. Their fundraising allows them to get new uniforms, cover travel expenses (the State pays for hotel rooms), buy souvenirs and eat at fun places while traveling.

This sale ends **March 20th** so if you are interested, you can contact Community Relations or contact Cindy Bowman at 795-3345 or Adriana Diaz at 795-3340.



May Farms

May Farms will be visiting on **Friday, March 23rd (10am-11:30am)**. They will setup at the Bill Cain Pavilion which is just east of the Chapel. This event is one that enjoyed by many!

April Paychecks

April pay days will be Monday, April 2, 2018 & Monday, April 16, 2018.

Survey of Employee Engagement 2018

In an attempt to ensure that all employees are provided the opportunity to participate in the Survey of Employee Engagement, the University of Texas at Austin's Institute for Organizational Excellence (IOE) has provided an alternative option to access the online survey for those employees without an active email address. Employees of the State Supported Living Centers go to <http://www.orgexcel.net/SSLC> and in the access code box on the lower part of the screen, enter your Employee ID number to complete the survey. **The survey is 100% anonymous – The employee ID is used only to validate the survey process – it is not associated with your answers.**