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★ Abilene State Supported Living Center ★

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

**AbSSLC News**

Abilene SSLC

Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## Gate Entry Changes – May 1<sup>st</sup>

We will be requiring **name badges for entry** starting **May 1<sup>st</sup>** at the main gate. This means you must show your AbSSLC Badge to enter the campus. No badge – no entry. Badges are actually required to worn (and visible) at all times you are on campus per State policy.



New **Designated Driver cards** are also being issued and will take effect **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The new card must be shown on/after that date for your designated driver to enter. See Tara in Administration for your new card.

Why are we doing this? This is common practice at our sister facilities and is being done for the safety of those that live and work here. Our new fence made a huge difference in security for the campus, increasing verifications of who is allowed on campus is the next step.

## Keeping the Laundry Moving!

At 2am most of us are sound asleep, but for our *Laundry Services Team* that it's just the beginning of their day. This week is **National Laundry & Linen Workers Recognition Week!** Please join us in saying THANKS to our dedicated team of laundry professionals! They work tirelessly each day to maintain a safe and healthy environment for us and the individuals we serve.



Laundry Manager John Ruiz gratefully acknowledges his team of 15 including an Operations Manager, 11 professionals working various laundry stations and 3 delivery drivers. Additionally, the laundry has a dedicated maintenance technician who maintains the machines in top working order.

AbSSLC creates loads of laundry to process each day. The team takes on this responsibility and then adds in other facilities too! They pick-up, clean and deliver laundry for Big Spring SH as well as the Lubbock and San Angelo SSLCs. With multiple facilities, mega machines are required. For example, the largest washer is a \$1.5 million, 7 chamber, 35 foot long beast requiring complex computer software. Now, add in large dryers, pressing stations, sorting and sanitation. John quickly states his pride in the team as they understand how they all relate to the outcome of a job well done.

Our Laundry Team knows how to go above and beyond too. Recently, When North Texas SH had a major outage, the Abilene team provided support, helping sort linen and providing pick-up/delivery. We're a better campus because of their spirit! Thank you, *Laundry Services*, and a well-deserved week of Recognition for ALL of you!

## What happened to my Shout Out?

Some weeks we have an amazing problem with the Shout Outs – we receive too many to publish! Obviously, this is a **great problem** to have and one we welcome.

When this happens, we will take some of the Shout Outs received and push them to the next week. It could take 2-3 weeks for some to be published but rest assured they are published and are appreciated! We do **amazing things** each day at AbSSLC – the Shout Outs are a great way to recognize this!

You can send your Shout Out by text it to 325.370.4525 or @ <https://shorturl.at/bcdmT>

# Shout Outs!

I would like to give a huge shout out to **Amber Williams**. She is the new 6-2 lead at 6720 Circle Drive. She's only been there a few weeks, but as soon as she arrived, it didn't take long to see the difference she was already making on the home. She has the home looking clean and organized, the guys are well groomed, and the shift is running smoother. Thank you so much Amber!

I want to give a huge shout out and a thank you to staff at Seniors - **Brenda Thomas, Teresa Strand, Pam Wilson, Connie Zeledon**. I could totally tell that they run the saps regularly and they pay attention to me when I'm teaching them how to run something new. I can also tell they pay attention because they always have questions about other skills and service objectives if they are confused about something. They are also very helpful and respectful. Its honestly such a breath of fresh air because I don't always come across this around campus. Thank you again, ladies!

Thank you to **Jennifer Zabloudil** and her staff. They used 6500 Plum for respite and once they were done, they left the building clean and organized so that we were able to open the building immediately for HHT and Music Program. This was a huge help and very much appreciated. Y'all are amazing!

I would like to send a shout out to **Rentia Mathis**, thank you for all you do! You are always willing to help where help is needed, you're a great team player. Thank you for all your help with coverage, community trips, appointments, and all the last-minute stuff! You are a true asset to the ABSSLC! We know we can always count on you!

The roses at the entry gate are GoRgEoUs! Thank YOU, **Clint** for taking such good care of them! We appreciate you and the way you serve so well!

I want to give a Shout Out to **Penny Newton** (Maintenance) and thank her for always helping out with the Maintenance department paperwork. I know chasing those guys each day can't be easy!

I want to give a shout out to **Lisa** at 5961/5962 Walnut. I think she is doing a great job there.

Shout out to the **5972 Service Avenue staff** and helpers for all their hard work today getting all the ladies and gentlemen ready for the spring dance! Even with the short staffing, they all came together to make sure the people we serve look great and ready for some fun!! Thank you to each and every person on the home and who came in early to help or came over to help! Y'all ROCK ♡♡

Special THANK YOU to the **ATC Crew** for taking time out of your daily schedule to help with loading/unloading individuals, at the gym, for 2024 Spring Formal! We appreciate YOU, your time, energy, effort, and HELP! YOU ROCK!! Thank YOU!!

Thank YOU, **Jennifer Lee (PT)** for recruiting, coordinating, supervising and everything else in between for interns with Habilitation Services (OT, PT, Speech)! We are SO thankful for YOU and appreciate YOU soooooo much!!

I wanted to thank all of **Quality Assurance Department** and the **administration building** for all of their help with my recent injury! All of y'all are so sweet and helpful. I could not do it without any of y'all! :)

AbSSLC Makes the Friday Photos!

## ABILENE SSLC



Staff and residents gathered for an Eclipse Party at the Pavilion. Glasses, snacks, and drinks were provided by the Abilene VSC. Pictured are Risk Management staff Elizabeth Chacon, Rhonda Reed and Candice Moore.

## Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!