

# Abilene State Supported Living Center



My name is Ashley and I currently work in the Recreation department at AbSSLC. I started working at the Living Center in 2008 as a Food Service Worker in the Central Kitchen. From the kitchen I transitioned to working direct care for a year and a half. In 2011 I wanted to try something new, fun, and different so I applied for a Rehab Tech position in Recreation. Since that move, I have met lots of new staff plus the ladies and gentlemen that reside here. I enjoy working with and learning from the residents who live here - it's truly a blessing. I have worked in Recreation for almost 9 years where I have promoted to a program leader and assistant head lifeguard for the recreation department.

I really enjoy working in Recreation because we get to do so many different activities with the residents. There are the programs such as Seniors, Aquatics, MATP, and TSO. This is not including all the special activities that happen throughout the year. We get to go to the Texas Rangers Games, The West Texas Fair and Rodeo, October Fest, Christmas Lane, Christmas Parade and that's only naming a few. Working in TSO is so much fun we go bowling, play basketball, bocce ball, go to swim competitions, and track and field meets. We also get to go on trips out of town with TSO. Just this past year we got to go to San Antonio for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Texas Special Olympics. Working with the Individuals at AbSSLC and seeing the smiles and hearing the laughs that we give them is personally rewarding.

Ashley Marrow

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