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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 July 6th, 2020

Have you certified your June 2020 Timesheet?

AbSSLC Nursing Hotline for COVID19 Testing or Symptoms

You must contact the Nursing Hotline before you report to work if you have any of the following symptoms: Temperature > **100.0**, cough, sore throat and/or headache. If you (or anyone in your household) are tested for COVID19, please notify the Nursing Hotline immediately.

You can reach this line by dialing **INFO (x4636)** from any campus phone or by calling **692-4053 x4636** from off-campus.

Keeping you (and your data) safe!

Here are some questions to ask yourself on a regular basis to check your on-line habits:

- Are you **using long, complex passwords** or **passphrases** not based on personal information? The longer the password, the better.
- Are you using **different passwords** for each of your accounts? In password spraying attacks, where common passwords are entered in an attempt to access many accounts, threat actors depend on you reusing passwords for convenience.
- Are you **screening** and **deleting suspicious emails** with unrequested attachments or links as possible phishing emails? Taking the time to hover over links to make sure they link to a legitimate website and investigating emails from unknown senders or suspicious emails from people you think you know assists in identifying phishing campaigns.
- Does your home network router have a **secure unique password**? Threat actors can access and snoop on your activities if they can access your network connection at home. Just like you use a good password for your accounts, use secure passwords for everything else as well.
- Are you using **multifactor** or **two-factor authentications** whenever possible? MFA or 2FA makes it more difficult for a threat actor to use compromised credentials.
- Do you have an **up-to-date antivirus program** on all computers, tablets, phones, etc.? All devices that can connect to a network can catch malware, including Apple and Android devices.

Look who is in the Connection!

I have had the great honor of serving as Assistant Director of Programs at Abilene State Supported Living Center (AbSSLC) for the last 13 years. I work with a group that coordinates and develops programs and services for people who have intellectual and/or physical disabilities living at AbSSLC. These include Habilitation Therapy, Behavior Services, Social Services, Active Treatment (which includes Recreational and Vocational Services), Admission and Placement services and Residential Services. Staff integrate professional and nonprofessional services while providing 24/7 residential support and treatment. We are always learning something new, which keeps things both challenging and interesting. Read more at: <https://hhsconnection.hhs.texas.gov/news-announcements/announcements/i-am-hhs-jolene-willis>



Jolene Willis

Another Winner @ AbSSLC!



Janice Rose (6330 3rd Street) is the latest winner of the \$100 awarded by Scott Schalchlin.



2020 Survey of Employee Engagement

July 6th – July 24th

Watch your email for your chance to participate!

Shout Outs!

My SHOUT OUT goes to **Herlinda Anderson** "The best clerk" on campus! Linda does it all! She comes in everyday with a smile on her face and greets everyone! She can answer any question you have about the people who live at home 5971. She never forgets to post the AbSSLC news letters or career postings. Every doctor or campus appointment is posted the day before so everyone knows what's going on. She keeps me on my toes about anything an individual might want or need. iBooks, don't even think about messing those up! They are current and up to date and if not I'll get an email or a knock on my door with a friendly reminder! She's nice to everyone, but when it comes to the people that live at 5971 ... she's more than nice! Linda loves and cares about them on a daily basis AND IT SHOWS. I love that about her!!! She definitely deserves a SHOUT OUT and a thank you for always going above and beyond!

I would like to give a "shout out" to **Tara Beaver** and **Stacy Ledesma** who both work in Food Service and have very positive attitudes. They are asked often to go into town and pick up supplies for the facility. At times it's at the very last moment. These two ladies never complain, always have a positive attitude and are always willing to help with purchasing. They are a pleasure to work with and an asset to the facility.

I would give a "shout out" for **Michelle Blackshear**. I am blessed to work with Michelle, she is very knowledgeable about the Reimbursement department rules and regulations. The family members of the folks we serve always know they can get help with any questions when they call Michelle. She goes the extra mile to make sure her department is top notch.

Shout Out to **Recreation** for a FANTASTIC Watermelon Festival. Staff worked hard in the heat to make sure as many individuals as possible got to enjoy some watermelon!! It took a lot of coordination and time to get schedules set up to meet COVID-19 regulations. That is no easy task. I saw the faces of the some of the individuals and it seems fun was had by all!!! Thanks for all Recreation does!!!!

Shout Out to the Plant Army from the **Activity Centers & Vocational Services**!! This group of staff have worked tirelessly a little over two months beautifying the campus. If you have not noticed all of the plants on campus you need

to go outside and really look. I have never seen this campus so green. I am looking forward to seeing the campus in a year from now when these plants have taken hold and have grown. If you see a person in a Plant Army t-shirt please tell them thank you! They have given a lot of sweat for the cause. Super proud of them! A simple thank you is not really enough but I'm so very proud of you guys

Shout Out to **Vocational Services** for all of the hard work they have done with cleaning up the Crepe Myrtles west of the Work Center 1. That took about a week to get all of the dead branches out of the bushes. It took a lot of sweat equity to get that job done! They are also watering them so you will see the beautiful blooms the more water they receive. Vocational Services has also planted a garden and you will see the vegetable of their labor in the Coffee Tea House for sale. Take a good look as you are leaving campus at all of the work they have been doing at the Work Centers . They have painted inside and out, scrubbed, decorated, stripped and waxed floors, and many other tasks. Thanks for all of the hard work!!!

Shout Out to all **Day Program Staff** for the work they have done cleaning up the landscaping at the homes!! All homes were divided between the three Day Programs and they were responsible for making sure the landscaping looked awesome!!! They found every last baby tree and removed it!!! It is possible some have grown back because that is what baby trees do. I'm super proud of how seriously they took on the job in making the campus look great!!! I'm super proud of the job you guys have done!!!

Shout Out to **all of the Homes** and **Program areas** that are watering all of the new plants and grass! Watering on a regular basis is a lot of work but the plants cannot make it without it. I believe we have some of the greenest grass in Abilene as well as some of the most dedicated staff. I love that nature has become a priority here on campus. Thanks to **Jolene Willis** for her commitment to the beautification project at Abilene SSLC!

Shout Out!

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



- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.
- Text your comments to 325.370.4525

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