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Services

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 March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## AbSSLC Nursing Hotline for COVID19 Issues

If **you**, or **anyone in your household**, is tested for COVID19, it is **critical** that you contact the AbSSLC Nursing Hotline. You can reach this line by dialing INFO (x4636) from any campus phone or by calling 692-4053 x4636 from off-campus. Please note you will be asked to leave your full name and phone number on the recording – Nursing checks this line multiple times a day and will return your call. Please be patient – they are receiving numerous calls each day and want to take the time to ensure all of your questions are answered fully.

### WHY we do WHAT we do ...

Mr. William “Mike” Slay has lived at the Abilene State Supported Living Center since 1979. He enjoys listening to music, sometimes singing along, and visiting with others as he desires, and will let you know, quickly, when he does not want to visit with you. He is an avid Cowboys fan and enjoys talking about the Dallas Cowboys. Within the first 5 minutes of meeting him you learn of his anticipation to attend the West Texas Fair and Rodeo (even if it is 11 months away). The West Texas Fair and Rodeo is an event that many people, in Abilene and around the Big Country, look forward to every September. To our knowledge he has attended each year, however, this cannot be confirmed at this time. His favorite part of the fair is playing games (winning a stuffed animal), eating, getting a hat, t-shirt, and a keychain. One of his other favorite outings is the Rattlesnake Round Up. This event is held, annually, in Sweetwater, Texas (a 45 minute drive from Abilene). The Round Up offers his favorites as does the West Texas Fair, however, there are SNAKES! ... A LOT of SNAKES! ... RATTLESNAKES!! Visitors have the opportunity to safely hold/touch/pet a rattle snake, if desired. He bought a hat, shirt, and touched a rattlesnake. When asked if he had fun he said, “Yes” and said his favorite part of the trip was getting “a hat”. With his current medical condition, members of his team were worried he may not get to attend the West Texas Fair this September so they met to discuss bringing a mini West Texas Fair to him. During this discussion, plans to get him to the Rattlesnake Round Up began. Due to restrictions on outings (at the time of the event), especially for people who have compromised health, team members were worried this may not happen for him. However, thanks to Administration, approval was granted. We are so thankful to ALL who helped make this happen for him. The only thing contagious on this day was his smile, the tears, and laughter that his smile brought to all involved in making this a special day for him. Jennie Dodd’s (AbSSLC Physical Therapist) daughter was the 2019 Snake Charmer Queen and played a HUGE role in getting VIP status & access for Mike. This is only an example of ALL the great things happening at AbSSLC thanks to the **AMAZING STAFF** who have a heart for serving.



### AskAdmin

The overall response to AskAdmin has been amazing since the COVID19 crisis started but there are still those not receiving updates. If you have not joined, please do so now!  
Text **AskAdmin** to **474747**

You can stop receiving updates at anytime by texting **Stop** to **474747**

### Reminders

- Watch for traffic changes as you enter campus. Over the next few days we will have to alter the entrance (**after** you enter campus at 21<sup>st</sup> & Lakeside) as the cover is built over 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Dim your lights (parking lights only) when you approach the checkpoint after dark – this makes it much easier for those at the checkpoint to see.
- The Maple & 24<sup>th</sup> gate is for **exit only** ... but we also use this gate for large trucks to enter so be very watchful in this area.

### Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Remember to wash hand and sanitize frequently. Use cleaning wipes to clean high-touch surfaces several times each shift.