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Health and Human  
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 August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

## Have you certified your July 2020 Timesheet?

### Calling in Sick

- If you are calling in for any kind of illness, you **MUST** call the Nursing Hotline **FIRST**. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 you must call 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.

**Please watch for calls from the Hotline after you leave a message! The call will come from a "795-3xxx" number. Nursing will return your call but many times they do not get an answer and/or your voicemail is not setup.**

- After contacting the hotline you must contact Risk Management & then follow your regular call-in procedures.

**Please do not come to work if you are experiencing symptoms! This places others that live and work here at risk!**

### I am HHS – Linda Hinshaw

#### What do you do?

I oversee the operations of Abilene State Supported Living Center, a residential facility for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We currently serve 260 people with approximately 1,400 staff. About half of those people have medically complex needs and require 24-hour nursing support. Others may have complex psychiatric needs. These needs are met by direct care, nursing and medical, habilitation, behavioral health and programming staff. Our support services include food service, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance and accounting staff.



#### How did you get started in this field?

I started as a nurse supervisor at one of the homes in 1972. I had no plans to stay, but here I am nearly 48 years later!

#### What's most important to you about your job?

I want to ensure we are providing the highest quality of care for the people we serve, including nursing and medical care, habilitation and recreational and vocational opportunities. I also want their families to feel confident that their loved ones are safe, well taken care of and loved. We do become their second family and for some we are their only family. I also want to provide a place for our staff to grow to their fullest potential.

Please click the link below to continue the article:

<https://hhsconnection.hhs.texas.gov/news-announcements/announcements/i-am-hhs-linda-hinshaw>

### COVID-19 Information

The state is now publishing information each week on the number of COVID-19 cases in SSLCs, State Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

You can see this at:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>

### Mask-Sanitize-Distance



The campus speed limit is 15mph on all roads!

The (World Famous) **5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner & Lone Star Coffee/Tea House** will be closed the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our hope is that both will reopen the following week but this will depend on a number of factors.

# Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Jessica G**, Nurse Manager, who stayed to help us even when she wasn't on call. Shout out to **Nadia**, RN Shift Leader for all she does for the night shift!

Shout out to the **5971 & 5972 Service Avenue** staff plus those from the **Infirmery** who have been working so hard at 6370 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Thanks to the **Activity Center** staff that came out on a moments notice to help work on moving items around to make additional space available at 6370 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Thank You to the **HHT Program, Vera Sanchez, Bill Spencer** and everyone else involved for providing Bible Camp this Week at 6380 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Other camps that have been provided this summer include Art Camp, Music Camp and Recreation Camp. This takes planning and coordination from various departments and these camps are enjoyed by all who attend. Thank You to all involved with these camps!

I want to say a big thank you to **Carl (Puk)** from Food Service. We could not have done all we did Saturday @ 6370 without him. We greatly appreciate him!

## Shout Out!

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

It's easy to send your Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the AskAdmin texts you receive
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.
- Text it to 325.370.4525
- Leave it on the AbSSLC TALK Line (x8255)

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