



TEXAS
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 July 5th, 2021

Have you certified your June 2021 Timesheet?

COVID19 Testing

Week of 07.05.2021

We are testing this week!

Tuesday, July 5th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, July 6th
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

Are you signed up for the AskAdmin text group? This is the best way to keep up with happenings at AbSSLC! Text **AskAdmin** to **474747** to join!

Keeping Gloves Secure

Pica is eating nonfood items. It happens more often with people who have severe intellectual disability. Nonfood items ingested include dirt, paper, metal objects, and vinyl or latex gloves.

Bezoar is a small stone-like mass that can form in any part of the stomach or intestine. Disposable gloves can become a bezoar when the person is not able to pass what was swallowed. Bezoars can cause lack of appetite nausea, vomiting, weight loss and a feeling of fullness after eating only a little food. They can also cause ulcers, bleeding and other obstruction that can cause tissue death and can even be life threatening especially for someone who can't tell us something is wrong.

Unsecured gloves can become a choking risk if lodged in the throat and esophagus because they are very difficult to swallow.

If they do make it to the stomach, there is a risk that they won't pass through. Gloves can become stuck in the stomach or intestine causing a large stone-like object that can prevent proper food intake, digestion, and elimination. Sometimes the only way to get these out of the body is through surgery. Surgery is serious and risky. Repeated surgeries can increase the risk of a life-threatening situation.

Like us on Facebook!

Did you know that the **Abilene Volunteer Services Council** and **Christmas Lane** have their own Facebook pages? "Like them" today to keep up with the various things going on!



New Class in iLearn

A new class has been added to iLearn - **Records Management at HHS** is required for **all** staff. Please work on this ASAP!



ABILENE STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER

Looking for a Great Career this Summer?

We are hiring
Direct Care, Nursing,
Food Service
& Housekeeping.

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HIRING**

Visit us at AbSSLC.org
Text "Careers" to 474747 for
a list of openings

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Living Center
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Abilene, TX 79602

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Help find **your** next
co-worker!



Don't forget to wear
your mask – and wear
it correctly!



Follow the signs!

suggest.advise.advocate.offer.propose.recommend.submit

We want to hear from **you!** Text your thoughts to 325.370.4525

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Tammy Shields** aka The Q Clerk! She is always so nice, encouraging, and helpful! She helps the department run smoothly.

Shout outs to **Taryn Curty** and **Mares Gaylon**. These hard-working HAB representative are closely involved in the lives of the individuals they serve. They keep up to date with information and want to bring the best supports possible.

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!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- 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!