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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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

### COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Round 2 - Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>



It's there for a reason!

### Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Public service workers who have a balance on their federal direct student loans after 10 years of payments may be eligible for a federal loan forgiveness program.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) waives the remaining balance on direct loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full-time for a government agency or not-for-profit organization. You should apply annually and every time you switch employers.

For more information about the program and to see if you qualify, visit the U.S. Department of Education's [Federal Student Aid website](#).

To get your years of state service certified for PSLF, email HHS HR Verifications at [hrverifications@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:hrverifications@hhs.texas.gov). They will help you through the process. For more information, visit the [DSHS Student Loan Repayment Programs website](#).



WE'RE READY AND EXCITED...

### AbSSLC's first ever Tier III LEADERSHIP COURSE IS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8TH!

This course, developed and led by instructors from several departments, is designed for staff at the higher levels of campus leadership. We're honored to support our top tier leaders in acquiring skills to expand their futures.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:**

Now through Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

**WHO SHOULD APPLY:**

Although many top leaders on our campus supervise teams, it is not a requirement for application to this course. We are seeking leaders that lead a segment of our campus operation and contribute to the success of quality services.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT:**

Six students will be selected for this course that is to be held only once annually. Students will:

- attend five full day sessions
- design and participate in a team project to enhance our campus
- be supported by a mentor
- have pre-course assignments and continued team project participation following the course

**WHEN:**

September 8<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>, with a team project update scheduled for January 2023. The Tier III course will be held full days on Thursdays.

**HOW:**

Interested leaders may apply via the MS Forms application (link below): <https://forms.office.com/r/7U5X9YVgeu>

Selected candidates will be notified by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Contact Steven Roberts with any questions at: [steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov)

Clickable Link to Appy: <https://forms.office.com/r/7U5X9YVgeu>

### AbSSLC Career Fair Help Spread the Word!

August 25<sup>th</sup>  
9am-4pm  
727 East South 27<sup>th</sup>

Share the flyer on your Facebook page! Flyer & daily testimonials can be found on the AbSSLC FB Page or FB page for Jeff Goza.

**AbSSLC Career Fair!**

Join us for the August 2022 Career Fair!

Start a new career with the State of Texas. Wide variety of positions available all with amazing benefits!

**Benefits include:**

- 100% Paid Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program for the employees.
- Paid time off for bereavement.
- Paid time off for military service. Additional awards are also provided.
- Paid vacation (20 days per year) based on years of service. Rights to use after 10 years of continuous service.
- Paid sick leave. 10 days per year.
- Access to employee health plans.
- 15 to 20 paid days with flexible schedule per year.

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
9am-4pm  
AbSSLC Oakwood Trails Lodge

Find us at 727 East South 27<sup>th</sup> between Maple & O'Brien Lane. Watch for the sign on road to avoid!

Flyers at Switchboard!

# Shout Outs!

A Shout Out to **Phillip** in Carpentry. He did some amazing work in creating a table for the Pharmacy. It is very much appreciated!

A Shout Out to **Jessica Jones, PNMPC**, for her work at Cottages 6690, 6720, and 6760, for the hardworking, pleasant and very helpful person she is! She is always willing to help with transporting people to Audiology for hearing tests and assisting as needed. Thank you Jessica! It's a pleasure to work with you.

I just wanted to express how much I appreciate **Kimble** (Home Supervisor at 6480 Peach) and her willingness to face change "at the drop of a hat" ...always with a positive attitude. When we have a move, she is always ready - truly an example to others she comes in contact with.

A Shout Out to **Cody** from Orthotics. While visiting at Brenham SSLC, he helped out their shop in an emergency!

Shout out to **Kevin** in the AC shop! He worked hard in the hot sun getting the recreation building a/c back up and running. Thanks So much Kevin!

Big thankful SHOUT OUT to **Amber Volcko** from 6330 3<sup>rd</sup> for helping to troubleshoot a way to get someone to Audiology. Her willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

## 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!