



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 October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Round 2 - Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

## AbSSLC Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday - 10/25

06:00-11:00 & 13:00-15:00

B646 – Nursing Building

(North of the LSCTH)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Street Entry/Exit Gate

Please enter/exit @ 5mph when passing by the gate house. Speeding makes it very dangerous for all!



GET IN THE GAME!

## NAME OUR NEW INITIATIVE!

VOTE ON A NAME THAT SHOWS WE ALL CARE ABOUT QUALITY.



<https://forms.office.com/r/M746XEGYfP>



Dates: 10/24-10/27

Times: 6:15pm-8:45pm

Recreation will be scheduling individuals/homes for tours.

Currently, this event is only for individuals being transported by recreation!  
Stay tuned for more info!



It's baaaaaaaaaaaaacccccckkk!

When: Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Times: 8:30-11:30 and 2:00-4:30

Where: AbSSLC Gym

Recreation/Transportation will be scheduling and transporting individuals from their homes.

"Not so scary" Costumes (staff and individuals) are welcome on 10/27/2022 BUT... must meet all the rules!

(If you have to ask yourself if it meets the rules, it doesn't~ Pick a different costume!)

# Shout Outs!

BIG Shout out to **Sal D'Amato** and **Sarah Johnson** and her staff at 5972 Service Avenue for making an off-campus home visit happen for one of their individuals recently! She was able to celebrate her mom's birthday along with her siblings and other family members! They all appreciated the staff for their time and helping this individual attend the family gathering. Thank you!

I want to Shout Out to each of the Night Shift Supervisors. Unit I **Darlene Faries** and **Anita Smith**, Unit II **Karla Moore and Camille Townsend**, Unit III **Jeanine Cross and Alice Rodriguez**, and Unit IV **Autumn Isaacs and Donny Full**. They have a regular work shift of 10 hours each night they are scheduled to work but many times due to shortages must stay and work "holding over" to help with covering the homes lack of sufficient staff. Nightly, they do a wonderful job of getting their report completed as well as working Direct Care on the homes that need their help. Their job includes many computer entries concerning staff training, timekeeping entries so their staff get their POT on time and resolving conflict when it occurs. They try to work at balancing the coverage throughout not only their unit but all the units on campus. Working to try and help the RCCs find the staff needed night after night. They manage all types of events that occur during the night with numerous inappropriate behavior issues that must be resolved often following someone outside in the dark, in all kinds of weather—hot, cold, rain, snow—they are here keeping people safe. Not only do they work additional hours direct care, but they must do fire drills evacuating the homes with very few staff available to assist. People at homes in the medical unit are in their beds being the time for their hours of sleep so the Night Shift Supervisors are pushing beds & medical equipment that would be needed in a real fire situation. Example of one night of drills Homes 6500, 5971, 5972 and 6480. These valued staff go from home to home to get these drills completed per regulations established to keep the people we serve safe. They also respond to help when there are emergency situations like 4444/911 calls, they are there. Most of the time the work done by these valuable employees goes unnoticed due to their work hours being when others are home sleeping. When you see these folks, please tell them how very much you appreciate them and the work that they do. To each of these wonderful people I want to say "thank you" for all you do! I am truly proud of each of these people and so glad to have them as co-workers.

Shout Out to **all of those** that have been working so hard to get the upcoming Haunted Trails and Halloween Carnival ready for everyone to enjoy! This has been lots of extra work on top of a already busy week. Special events can be very time consuming but make for fun times for the Individuals (and staff)!

**SHOUT OUT** to **Tammie Decker** who works at 6450 Plum. She assisted an individual at Audiology, and it was a wonder to watch her communicate with someone who is non-verbal. Tammie "read" the individual's body language and responded appropriately and patiently to her movements. Tammie helped guide the individual up and down the ramp, letting the individual decide the speed to walk and whether to move or not. She provided helping hands when needed and let the individual be independent when possible. It is always amazing to watch someone communicate so well with someone who is non-verbal and sensory impaired. Well done Tammie!!

**HUGE SHOUT OUT** to Campus Administrators **Dina** and **Silbia**! I really appreciate your assistance when I was needing help with meeting a Resident's need for a new bed on 6350. I needed to find out if there was any special needs/restrictions in the bed, and they jumped in and checked the PNMP for me. Great teamwork - really appreciated. We got the Individual taken care of.



## 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!