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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 January 30th, 2023

AbSSLC Career Fair!

Monday, January 30th – 9am-2pm

Lone Star Coffee & Tea House Conference Room

COVID19 Testing @ LSCTH

Round 1 - Tuesday, January 31st

Round 2 - Thursday, February 2nd

Campus Entry/Exit Gates

Remember that the “Gate Changes” are in effect until further notice.

- **The 1st Street Gate is closed**
- The 24th/Lakeside Gate (by Maintenance) will be open 24/7. This will serve as **both entry & exit**. We will have two-way traffic on both 24th Street & Lakeside. Please pay attention!
- The 24th/Maple gate (by the Cottages) will be open 5:00am-5:00pm pm for **exit only**, Monday-Friday. **Shift Change only on weekends.**
- The 3rd/Maple gate (by Admin) will be open 1145am-1215pm & 445pm-530pm for **exit only**, Monday-Friday

Phishing/Text Scams

Sadly, the number of Phishing & Text scams seems to be increasing. There are stories daily about people being scammed out of small to huge amounts of money. Most of the time this can't be recovered.

A couple of reminders – for both here and home:

- Your bank will never contact you and ask for account information such as your pin or password. If contacted by your bank with questions, you should get their name and then call the bank yourself (using a known number, not a number they give you) and make inquiries.
- No public agency (Federal/State/City/County) will **ever** ask you to pay for things – such as fines – using gift cards. If you get this type of call, you should call – again using a known number and not one the caller supplies – the agency they say they represent to ask your own questions.
- Remember - If something sounds fishy, it likely is!



We want to hear about the best ways to communicate with **you** on the various campus events & happenings. Please take 2 minutes to complete the attached survey! <https://forms.office.com/r/hHBxM64XRX>

Shout Outs!

I would like to do a SHOUT OUT for **Jamie Wade**, Activities staff, who I have watched assist a particular lady at 6380 at meals. Jamie is patient and knows how to read the individual's moods and adjust her communication accordingly. Jamie successfully convinces this individual to drink and eat using patience and pertinent questioning. Jamie is a staff that shows compassion and persistent in the face of communication difficulties and ever shifting moods of the individual. It is a treat to watch her work her "magic."

Shout Out to **everyone** involved in the Career Fair on Monday! This was a campus effort from many and it showed with the huge number of potential staff we welcomed to AbSSLC.

Thank you to:

- Those that shared FB postings & told other to come to the career fair
- Volunteers for the waters and candy
- Shae for talking with KEAN Radio
- Kayla for co-piloting the day
- Recreation helping setup and takedown the Career Fair area along with James, Kim & Ashley
- Housekeeping for staying late to help put the COVID Testing Center back together
- Tab for saving the dancing people
- Niki for helping to get potentials to the hiring specialists and faxing for me
- Hiring Specialists Sheila, Cindy & Jennifer – they were a huge part of the hiring process
- Cheryl for graciously letting us use the COVID testing area and moving all of her stuff in & out

Shout to **Cheyenne Ramirez**, DSP III from 5971 Service Ave! Her courage, hard work, perseverance, diligence and other core values she displays at work are second to none. I am continually inspired by you and appreciate it.

I would like to give a SHOUT OUT to **Brent Daniels**, Home Supervisor at 6360 1st Street. I am constantly in awe of how well the individuals who live at the home respond to Brent. Brent knows their communication styles, what is reinforcing to each individual, and he has earned their trust. This shows in all interactions I have observed. Brent recently accompanied an individual to Audiology who often refuses to leave the home. Brent walked the individual over to Audiology when he refused a ride, and then walked home with him. This individual had a successful assessment due to the compassionate nature of his relationship with Brent. Thank you, Brent!

Shout out to **Peggy Kelly** – QIDP at 6521 Service Ave – we really appreciate the monthly/quarterly review information she sends out to the teams via email. This really helps each discipline know what specific information is needed from them, and it also helps supervisors and managers with what they need to follow-up on with employees. She consistently sends these emails out each month, and the information she provides is always well-organized and very detailed! Thank you, Peggy!

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!