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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 May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### AbSSLC Nursing Hotline for COVID19 Issues

If **you**, or **anyone in your household**, is tested for COVID19, it is **critical** that you contact the AbSSLC Nursing Hotline. You can reach this line by dialing INFO (x4636) from any campus phone or by calling 692-4053 x4636 from off-campus. Please note you will be asked to leave your full name and phone number on the recording – Nursing checks this line multiple times a day and will return your call. Please be patient – they are receiving numerous calls each day and want to take the time to ensure all of your questions are answered fully.

### Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work? Please “Reply” to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group or email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.

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

### Our \$50 Weekly Winner For Great Attendance!



Dambert Ndouane  
6510 Peach / 2-10 Shift

### Work Breaks

Please remember that our 15 minutes breaks (eating lunch, going out on campus for a walk, etc.) are still considered “work time” and you are subject to immediate recall back to the work.

During your break, you **cannot leave campus**. You must be available to start back to work if needed – this is very hard to do if you aren’t on campus.

This, of course, does not include designated lunch time that some departments have. This is unpaid time and you can leave during this time if you desire.



**May is Older American Month**  
Thank you to the Activity Centers for the beautiful banner!

### 100% Phone Outage

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 6pm-10pm**

There is a scheduled phone outage (part of our upgrade coming this summer) scheduled for Thursday @ 6pm. **This will affect all phones on campus**. Please use a cell phone to contact the emergency line at the Switchboard if needed.

### Updating Information in CAPPs & ERS

Keeping your personal information updated in both CAPPs & ERS is very important. Taking time to check and update this information as needed ensures that you receive mail in a timely manner – this can be related to your check, benefits, etc.

Due to COVID19 related issues at State Office, May POT checks (for those receiving physical checks) were mailed to the employee’s home address as listed in CAPPs. If this address wasn’t correct the check will be delay for up to 2 weeks!

Checking/updating both doesn’t take long – and could save you lots of grief in the future ...

## Shout Outs!

I have been working at the AbSSLC since 2004. I have seen a lot of DSP and their work ethics. I can honestly say there have been a lot of exceptional workers. There is one in particular that I have known through the years that has went above and beyond her call of duty. **Janie Brown** is that DSP. Out of all the DSP I have known through the years she would be the one I would choose to take care of my family or myself. I believe if anyone deserves a shout out this week it is her. She is the most caring person on this campus. You can tell she loves the people that live at the AbSSLC in all she does. I just wanted to let you know how much she is appreciated and how blessed we are to have her on the AbSSLC team.

The 6-2 RCCs would like to give a shout out to **Tobias Mundu** from home 6350. He does such an amazing job with the guys from the home, he always has them engaged in an activity outdoors on the weekends and they always appear to be so happy! Although their routines may be off at the moment due to the situation at hand if you drove by and watched them all interacting you would never know as their smiles are radiant and their laughter can be heard. Thank you, **Tobias**, for all that you do for those gentlemen and we would just like for you to know it does not go unnoticed and continue the amazing job that you do!

You can totally depend on **Janie** to do anything you ask or instruct her to do. She does not hesitate but immediately goes to accomplish in timely manner. Due to unusual circumstances recently she worked additional days to help maintain coverage so a co-worker could have his preapproved time off and she strived to keep coverage while staff were at 6370. Janie never complains but says this is what we are being paid to do and she does not understand why anyone would hesitate to want to help the people we serve who depend on people being there and love the caregivers. They all love her in turn. They know that she cares and most of them always relate to Janie in such a positive manner. The love is felt by the care she gives. I have so enjoyed working with Janie and not a day goes by that I do not feel Blessed to have known her. I can truly say I have never heard anyone say a negative word about Janie.

I would like to give a Shout Out to the **ATC's** for helping at the homes/Cottages for the past 6 weeks and counting. You are appreciated!

Shout out to **Annmarie & Chris** (COTAs) & **Kellie & Tabitha** (PTAs) for helping all of us Hab therapists do telehealth sessions & so we can ensure quality care for those we serve. You all have been so vital to keeping things manageable for us.

**Shonica Tatum**, RN, infirmary.

I want to do a Shout Out on **Lane Whisenhunt**, he is the only one working in Lab at the moment. This week he had a very heavy work load going around on campus but he was able to get it done in a timely manner. Great job to him!!

Shout out to the **6-2 staff at 5971!** Great job my fellow co-workers

Shout out to **Courtney Campbell** in the Hab department. If not for her hard work and willingness to help wherever she is needed treatments could not get done!

Shout Out to **Lori Basham**, 6521, Nursing Case Manager for doing an outstanding job of caring for our most medically fragile and complex residents. She always goes the extra mile in assuring all their health needs are met!

Shout out to the Infirmary 6/2 DSP **Chris Martinez** and **Angela Scott**. They are an amazing team and take such great care of the acutely ill individuals who are in the infirmary and handle the stressful environment with a great attitude!

Shout out to **Jennifer Zabloudil** for her act of kindness to the staff that had to work the COVID home. Staff definitely appreciated her. Thank you

Shout out to **Jessica Garcia** for the snacks, head bands, and the water bottles that she gave to the staff that worked the COVID homes. Thank you for also checking to see how they were doing.

Shout out to **Amber Stanford** for helping to deliver the items for staff that was working the COVID homes, as well as calling to check on the staff and how they were. Thank you.

I would like to give out some kudos to **Andrea** (DSP III on 6720, 2-10) and her staff. They help out the Food service workers by taking the food out of the cart and putting it in the oven or frig. They have everything laid out so you can start preparing the food. They even write down the meals for each person so they know before the food goes out if you missed something. At the end they even help sweep and mop. As a team they work very well together to accomplish these tasks professionally, efficiently, and with a smile. I appreciate it and so do the other Food Service Workers that come to the home, so we are all very thankful.

My first shout out goes to the AbSSLC Laundry that continue to provide laundry services for not just our facility but others as well. They are always diligent, friendly and helpful to meet the needs of different departments and the people that live at AbSSLC.

With that being said, I also want to extend a shout out to the Vocational Services department for continuing to fold the laundry so that it can be delivered consistently to the different areas as well as continuing to maintain other contracts the department has. The staff have folded literally tons of laundry in order to meet the needs of the individuals and the facility. 😊

Shout out to Jimmy (the fire drill guy). He is a man of many hats and he does each of those roles in a professional manner and works well with staff.

I want to give a shout out to Kalana Allen who always goes above and beyond to make sure we have what we need to take care of the residents. She is still on campus and has delivered (to our home!) needed reports, etc. to those of us at home so that we can continue our work. Thank you, Kalana!