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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 26th, 2020

Mandatory COVID-19 Testing – Tuesday, 10.27.2020

5:30am-11:30am – 1pm-3pm – AbSSLC Chapel

Calling in Sick

- If you are calling in for any kind of illness, you **MUST** call the Nursing Hotline **FIRST**. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 you must call the Nursing Hotline immediately. You can reach this line by dialing **INFO (x4636)** from any campus phone or by calling **692-4053 x4636** from off-campus.
- **Please watch for calls from the Hotline after you leave a message! The call will come from a “795-3xxx” number or a Cell Phone number you likely don’t know. Nursing will return your call but many times they do not get an answer and/or your voicemail is not setup.**
- **You must report being tested for COVID-19 (and then report your results if applicable) immediately to the Nursing hotline. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.**

Reminders ...

- Please remember to have your screening from completed with the basic information before you get to the gate. This saves you time!
- As you approach the gate at night, please use parking lights only – this is very helpful to those taking temps.
- Remember that taking any pictures on the campus is very limited. Posting a selfie of you at your home/department can be a bad thing ...
- Food Deliveries (including those made by someone with a designated driver card) are not allowed. Using the Designated Driver card to deliver food will result in the card being revoked.



**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

24-Hour National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE (7233)

www.thehotline.org



At a yield sign, drivers must slow down and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicles that are approaching from another direction.

Please remember the yield sign at 21st & Lakeside as you enter campus. If you are driving west on 21st you must yield to traffic on Lakeside!

Sunday - November 1st @ 2:00am



Join us for the Fall/Halloween Parade!

Friday, October 30th @ 3:00pm

(Line-up @ 2:30pm to be in the parade!)

Get the AbSSLC newsletter in your home email!

<http://www.absslc.org/news/absslc-news-email-list-sign-up/>

Shout Outs!

I want to give a shout out to **Miss Shelia Doolittle** for teaching me so many things with care and patience.

I want to recognize **Margaret Martinez, LVN** for going above and beyond. She got the medication room floors scrubbed before DOJ came and labeled our items in the med room. I also want to thank her for keeping us on track and updating our paperwork while our regular 6-2 nurse is out! She's a great asset to me and to AbSSLC.

Shout out to **Julie Jackson** at 6750 Circle Drive. I was nervous about working my first POT, but she was very patient with me while explaining everything I needed to know. She was also training new staff at the same time. She was knocking it out of the park the way she was training. She was very professional and down to earth and has a really good sense of humor....and she absolutely loves her individuals. I truly enjoyed working with her and look forward to working POT with her in the future.

Shout out the **6-2 Shift @ 5972 Service Avenue**. We've had one nurse a lot lately, without them I could not observe or medicate on time or effectively. That's my choice for awesomeness.

Thank you to **EVERYONE who participated in the BCA shuffle!** Extra Special shout out to **Pam Wilson**, in Recreation, for sharing this FUN idea with us and for teaching people the shuffle, leading the shuffle, and encouraging everyone to participate in the shuffle! Everyone did GREAT and had so much fun joining in! Y'all rock! Thank You!

Shout out to **Buddy Lindsey** (Maintenance) for his hard work and dedication. Perseverance wins. Keep up the good work.

I would like to shout out to **Charlie Clements, Randal Davis, Doug King** and all the maintenance men!

I want to shout out to some of the amazing people I work with here at Abilene SSLC. I started a list but it got so long, I gave up. I provide psychiatric care for individuals on 8 homes and the staff on all of them are winners! So, SHOUT OUT TO Home Supervisors, RN Case Managers and nursing staff, Q's, Behavior Services Staff, and especially Direct Support Professionals at **5971, 5972, 6450, 6480, 6510, 6690, and 6760!**

Want to shout out to all **Physical Therapists** since it is PT month. Our PTs do so much on campus to help reduce fall risks, improve positioning in wheelchairs, beds, etc., heal with wound care, make recs for special shoes, and soooo much more! Each PT is so loving & caring & works endlessly to provide good, quality services for the ladies & gentlemen at AbSSLC.

Shout out to **Marissa Williams** on all the amazing work she does!! She's so extremely knowledgeable on her job duties after about 7 years of dedication to Vocational Services. She doesn't hesitate to help out on campus and seems to always have a smile on her face. She's great with the individuals and very dedicated to them as well. Thank you so much Marissa for everything you do for this campus!!! You da bestest girl!!!!

Shout Out to those working at **6360 1st Street**. Recently at the funeral service of a gentleman from the home, the staff pitched in and purchased a beautiful arrangement for his ceremony as well as boutineer's for family members. I thought this was very special and shows the love that staff have for the people we work with. A kind gesture that I know meant the world to his family.



Shout out to our **Pharmacists and Pharmacy Techs!** They are one of the most underappreciated groups we have at AbSSLC! Thank you for always being on top of everything, working so hard and making sure our individuals have the meds they need.

I would like to give a shout out for **Emily Sterpka** from the Behavioral Services department. She comes in early, stays late, works through her lunch hour, and does whatever else she needs to do in order ensure the needs of those on campus are being met - not only the people on her caseload, but everyone she comes in contact with. Emily has great rapport with individuals all across campus, and volunteers her free time as a foster friend. She truly goes above and beyond for the people she serves!

Where's my Shout Out?

We had a huge number of Shout Out's this week. Watch the November 2nd AbSSLC News for more!