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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 17th, 2021

COVID19 Testing

Week of 05.17.2021

The COVID19 positivity rate for Taylor County is currently over 5% which requires us to do **weekly** testing. All staff must test either Tuesday **or** Wednesday unless positive in the last 90 days.

Testing Dates & Times

Tuesday, 5/18
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, 5/19
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

Testing is being done at the Lone Star Coffee & Tea House Conference Area (B647). Please enter through the west door facing Maple.

Securing Vehicles on Campus

We continue to have on-going issues with vehicles (both State & private) being left unsecured. This places those that live here at **significant risk** of harm. It also puts you & the vehicle at risk in a number of ways.

Please take a minute to review the items below and ensure you check these **each time** you exit any vehicle:

- All doors (and hatch/trunk) must be securely locked
- Windows must be left no lower than 1" for ventilation. Any type of rear/sliding window must be locked
- If your vehicle doors/windows can't be secured, it must be parked off-campus until repaired. If a state vehicle has issues being secured, please contact Security for assistance.

Better Hearing & Speech Month



2021 • BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Take a minute to thank our amazing Speech & Audiology Team that take care of those living at AbSSLC!

Chelsie Harruff-SLP
Teresa Dunagan-Lee-SLP
Gayla Whitfill-SLP
Cheryl Balanay-SLP
Devin Roberts-SLP Assistant
Donna Boulette-Audiologist/SLP
Leslie Riggins-SLP Assistant

COMING SOON

We are excited to announce the creation of the **AbSSLC Historical Museum** located on our beautiful campus! Our place in local Abilene history spans more than 120 years and stories of diverse challenges and triumphs will have a permanent space for viewing.

The museum is just beginning to take shape and we'll be looking for ways to involve our talented individuals and staff in the months ahead. Our history will have a home thanks to the dedication of us all. Stay tuned team!

Shout Outs!

Shout out! to the **Maintenance crew** who volunteered to spend their Saturday here prepping for new fencing. I heard they braved the unruly forest, bugs, rats and who knows what else to make our campus a safer place for the people we serve!

Shout out to **Cheryl Galvan**, she has worked so many hours, coming in insanely early to get everything set up for the Covid testing. She keeps her cool even when dealing with people without their name badges, computer/equipment that glitches, training new helpers every week and so much more. Thanks **Cheryl** for helping to maintain a safe place to work!

I want to recognize all of **our friends in the community** who understand getting a vaccine will help end the nose probes 😊 C'mon people get on board already 😊

I would love to recognize our supervisor **Kimble Knight**. She works on the floor with her staff, makes sure our residents have clean wardrobes and makes sure to let her staff know if we are doing a good job! I love her always!

Shout Out to **Perry** from **Maintenance**. Put in a request thru Jerolyn for a Desk Shelf for my monitors and Phone. Perry was quick and even made sure there were slots cut out in the back for all my cables and helped me set it all up.

Shout out to the **grounds crew**. The campus looks amazing!

A special **Shout Out!** to our new Ukeru Master Trainer!

Mel Mendoza

Mel is now a Certified Train-the Trainer Instructor for the Ukeru course. This will let him train the FCT/D instructors who, in turn, train the rest of us!



Mel (L) working with Ryan Lineweaver on Ukeru techniques.

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

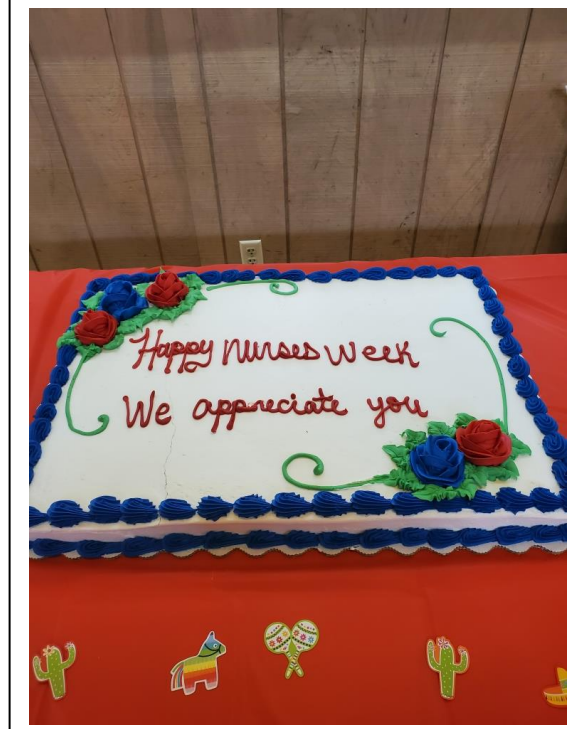
Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!

Abilene State Supported Living Center – Celebrating Nurses Month 2021

2021 Nurse of the Year



The Nursing Department is pleased to announce the winner of Nurse of the Year 2021 to **Genalyn Bag-Ao, RN**. Genalyn is an amazing nurse!!! She is dedicated to the individuals she serves and her peers, a team player, always has a smile on her face, and the facility is blessed to have her.



We ♥ our Nurses!

Nurse of the Month – April 2021



RN of the Month
Shonica Tatum



LVN of the Month
Toni Stokes

Shonica Tatum, RN
Ashley Saunders, RN
Genalyn Bag-ao, RN
Amy Mclane, RN
Chesley Cunningham, RN
Shannon Hopkins, RN

Toni Stokes, LVN
Megan Schoeling, LVN
Jessica DelaCruz, LVN
Bikash Gurung, LVN
Lilian Cherotich, LVN
Bonnie Pitchford, LVN

All of these names were put in a hat and the two winning names were drawn.

We want to congratulate our winners and all that were nominated. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We appreciate everything you do!!!

