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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 August 23rd, 2021

COVID19 Testing

Week of 08.23.2021

We are testing **2x** per week!

Round 1

Tuesday, August 24th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Wednesday, August 25th
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, August 26th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

or

Friday, August 27th
0700-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test **both rounds** each week

Are you signed up for the AskAdmin text group?
This is the best way to keep up with happenings at
AbSSLC! Text **AskAdmin** to **474747** to join!

AbSSLC COVID19 Status – As of Friday, 8/20/21

(counts since July 1st, 2021)

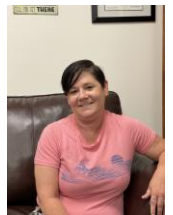
Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	9

Due to year-end processing, debit/credit cards will not be accepted at the (World Famous) 5th Street Diner or the Lone Star Coffee & Tea House from Thursday, 8/26 through Tuesday, 8/31. Regular business resumes 9/1.

Will we get the COVID19 vaccine booster?

A very common question over the last few days is if AbSSLC will receive and give the COVID19 vaccine booster (“the 3rd shot”) to staff who want to get it. Although this is still in discussion and no formal announcement has been made, it is very likely we **will** do this. Our first round of shots occurred in January/February so it will be around October before anyone is eligible. The current CDC recommendation is 8 months after your 2nd dose for those that received Moderna (the one done here) or Pfizer. There has not been a decision by the CDC yet on a 2nd dose for those that received the Johnson & Johnson shot.

Get to know ... Amber Stanford



Amber serves as the Recruitment & Retention specialist for the facility. This (somewhat) new position was created at each facility to help new staff begin their career with the state and help retain current staff.

Amber has worked here for 19 years in several areas across campus. She started at 6450 Plum as a DSP in 2002. After working at the home, she has served as a behavior coach, a Residential Coverage Coordinator and Behavior Health Assistant. Before assuming her current position, she was a Home Supervisor in Unit III and the Unit III Assistant Unit Director. In her words, the best part of working for the Abilene State Supported Living Center is by far the people we serve.

Amber has a truly infectious spirit and it's hard not to smile when working with her. She is one that always has the best interest of those we serve in her mind and wants to help recruit (and retain) the best staff possible!

Interested in free time off?

You can receive up to 32 hours per fiscal year of Administrative Leave by helping recruit family & friends to work at AbSSLC! Each person (up to 4) that lists you as the reason they are here and starts NEPT gets you a free 8 hours! See your supervisor for details.

Shout Outs!

I would like to give a shout out to **Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez** from 6500 Plum. I floated to the home on 08/10/2021 and had the pleasure of working with Ms. Rodriguez. She was the only DSP on the floor for 6/2 shift and was racing around getting the residents up and ready for AM medication pass. We had a resident having a behavior and she was able to talk the resident into doing what was asked and allowing the medication pass. She handled all the problems with a smile on her face. She made a point to check with me and explain the problem and made a point to inform me when a resident was brought to the med room. She is someone you want on your team when you must get things done. She was a blessing that day.

I would like to send a shout out to the **RCC office** for all they are doing to help Risk Management in keeping up with staff. They have been very helpful in the clearing & RTW process.

I would like to send a shout out to the **Camera Monitors** for all the work they are doing.

I would like to send a Shout Out to the team at FCT&D (**Emily Arzu, Kayla Saucedo, Mel Mendoza, Ryan Lineweaver, Colin Dawsey, Joey Villarreal, Andrew Ruvalcaba and Jarrod Zamora**). Through the ever-changing schedules due to COVID, back to pre-COVID and now with us piloting the new curriculum from State Office they have been amazing. They never hesitate to take on the impossible and do so with smiles on their faces. Their dedication to the facility and the People we Serve is apparent in every class they teach. They are truly not only a TEAM but a family (dysfunctional but still a family). I enjoy coming to work and seeing them and us working together to clear any hurdles thrown in the path.

I would like to give **Nancy Rash** a big shout out. I was at 5972 Service treating one of the individuals, and she was in the bathroom cleaning the bathing table getting ready to help with personal care. It's was nice to see that she didn't let her degree get in the way of her helping (this is what you call leadership).

I want to give a shout out to everyone who helped clean up the fields last week (**Joe Guajardo, Doug King and Jeff Goza**), and those who helped building the new road where the north fence line has been cleared (**David Baker, Tomas Paulino, contractor Michael, Ricky Watkins, Willie Toler, and Joe Guajardo**).

A BIG shout out to the **Direct Support Staff** for all they do each day, each holdover and each holiday they have been here and to the home supervisors who get out there with them to get things done!

Shout out to **Charlotte Myers**, our amazing Respiratory Therapist on campus! She's such an asset for the individuals here and a wonderful team player. The Habilitation Therapy department is very grateful to work with her and the individuals are blessed to have her!

The mother of one of the men that lives at AbSSLC would like to thank the **Infirmery** and **6360 1st Street** staff for being so gracious and helpful to her while her son was in the hospital and during his stay at the Infirmery. She stated they were very nice and genuinely cared for him. She is very appreciative of the care her son receives on 6360 1st Street.

RN & LVN of the Month – July 2021



Robin Davis, RN



Tomika Griffin, LVN

The nurses nominated by the Nursing Administration Department for Nurse of the Month for July included:

Robin Davis, RN
Darrell Roberts, RN
Bryhana Ashton, RN
Ramona Alberts, RN
John Burgess, RN
Lindy Langlitz, RN

Tomika Griffin, LVN
Essie Shackelford, LVN
Dominique Adamson, LVN
Maria Martinez, LVN
Casandra Dennis, 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!

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!