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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

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Week of February 21st, 2022

COVID19 Testing

We will now be testing **1 day** for each round as noted below. All staff will test on the same day.

Round 1

Tuesday, February 22nd
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Round 2

Thursday, February 24th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

You must test both rounds each week

AbSSLC COVID19 Status

As of Friday, 02.18.2022

Number of Individuals Positive	0
Number of Individuals currently in Isolation	0
Number of Staff Positive	5



GET READY! NEXT MONDAY IS OPENING DAY!

We're excited to announce our Spring 2022 series of the Tier II Leadership Development course will soon begin accepting applications. Look for the article in next Monday's widely read and appreciated AbSSLC newsletter!

The Tier II Leadership Development course will begin March 31st and conclude May 5th. All classes are full day on Thursdays. The Tier II course focuses on enhancing leadership potential of recent supervisors, shift leads, and mid-level department managers.

Stay tuned for details!

The Monitoring Team Is Coming Soon!

February 28th – March 3rd, 2022

When will the Monitors be here? The Independent Court Monitoring Team will conduct a remote review on the campus of *Abilene* state Supported Living Center from Monday, **Feb. 28th until Thursday, Mar 3rd, 2022.**

What is the Monitors' job? It is their job to find out if people who live here are safe. It is also their job to find out if staff are helping people who live here to be healthy, learn new things, and to do as much as possible for themselves. The Texas Department of Health and Human Services and the *Abilene* State Supported Living Center agree that these things should happen, and that's why the Monitors are checking.

What will the Monitors do? The monitors will:

- Look at a lot of paperwork
- Talk to some of the individuals who live here and some of their families
- Talk to some of the staff who work here
- Visit lots of different places on campus to see what we do and how we do it. **Observations and Interviews will be conducted virtually.**

When the monitors talk to people, some questions they might ask are:

- What is staff helping you to learn to do?
- Are you treated with respect?
- Do you take part in planning your services? What are some of the things you have asked staff to help you with?
- What do you like best about where you live?
- Are there things about where you live that you do not like? If so, what are they?
- What kinds of things do you do off-campus?
- Are services provided in a clean and safe setting?
- Who would you talk to if you had a question or a problem?

After the monitors have talked with a lot of different people and looked at a lot of paperwork, they will tell us what we are doing well and ways we might do things better.

What if you want to talk to the Monitors? If you would like to talk with one of the monitoring team members or want to learn more about the monitoring team, please let one of the staff members know.

Shout Outs!

I want to give a huge SHOUT OUT to all of the **Maintenance** Departments - Grounds, Plumbing, Electric, HVAC, Carpentry, Machine, Security along with Kenny & Doug for all of the preparation for the cold weather recently. It takes a team and it was truly shown that everyone is willing to help where/when its needed. It makes me proud to be a part of a department that always goes above and beyond for those that live and work at AbSSLC!

I don't think this has ever been done, but I would like to give a grateful Shout Out to the **recent NEPT class members**. They were a pleasure to interact with, had thoughtful questions, AND provided some fantastic ideas for current issues here concerning communication with hearing impaired individuals, masks, and dead batteries. Many are returning to work here, and all showed enthusiasm and interest in the information being put forth to them. Can't say enough about the level of engagement these people already have towards the special population we all work with.

I'd like to shout out **Leslie Nielson**, Program Development Specialist for 6330 3rd Street. Leslie not only performs her duties as a PDS, but she has also taken on the additional role of working as a DSP once a week to help provide relief to staff. She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face, and is willing to help when needed. She has been doing an amazing job working with the young men at 6380 7th Street!

Shout out to all the **QIDP's** for their hard work and dedication to those we serve. Each and every one of you make the TEAM the best to work for/with. We are so grateful for your outstanding work ethic and compassion.

I wanted to take the time to compliment both **Perry** and **Buddy** with Maintenance. They have been over to FCT&D several times recently and are always very polite and helpful. I really appreciate that they take the time to come and speak with me about what is going on and giving me constant updates. I just wanted to take the time to recognize their positive attitudes and their willingness to help. They both are an asset to the facility.

Shout out to **6760 Circle Drive staff** for holding it down through all the holdovers back to back and still coming in.

Shout out to **Jessica Delacruz** at 6760 Circle Drive!

I would like to give a shout out to the **staff at 6750 Circle Drive**. **Christie Williams** and her team on 6/2 do an amazing job of keeping the ladies engaged in activities, as well as teaching them to do their own laundry & take care of their rooms. The staff work as a team to make sure that their shift is beneficial to the ladies. Shout Out also to **Angela Pullen** for helping her staff out when needed.

Q&A

Q. What is the status on the campus projects?

A. We are actually seeing some good progress and hope this trend continues.

Cottages

6710 Circle Drive & 6740 Circle Drive are very close to being completed. If ICF/LSC is able to complete their inspection (and we don't uncover new issues), these could be accepted this week. Once this occurs, both homes will move back home and 6720 Circle Drive & 6730 Circle Drive will be moved to the turn around homes and work will begin there.

Quad Steam Replacement Project

About 95% of the outside work has been done with new underground lines installed and equipment pads set & fenced.

Inside work at 6370 7th Street is scheduled to start this week. The ceiling will be removed in the building so piping & equipment can be installed. This project is only doing 1 building at a time so it will be into early 2023 before it's completed.

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!