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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 June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## COVID19 Testing

**Round 1- Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Round 2 - Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Road Construction

A TxDOT contractor is scheduled to begin work on Smokehouse Drive (south of Central Kitchen) on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, this will affect parking in that area but will also result in some detours on both Service Avenue and Plum.

More details will be in the July 4<sup>th</sup> newsletter!

## Flashback Fridays in July!

**Friday, 7/1:** Wear your **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE** attire to celebrate **America's 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

**Friday, 7/8:** Flashback to 1920s! Wear your roaring (not too loud 😊) 1920s attire!

**Friday, 7/15:** Flashback to 1950s! Wear your sock hoppin' 1950s attire!

**Friday, 7/22:** Flashback to 1980s! Wear your totally rad 1980s attire!

**Friday, 7/29:** Flashback to 1970s! Wear your groovy 1970s attire!

\* all attire must be "work appropriate". If you have to question if it is "work appropriate" ... it's not! 😊 BUT throw on something that is ... and let's have some fun!

## ERS Summer Enrollment

Summer Enrollment continues through July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
This is your chance to make needed changes!



**Coming Soon!**



Disc Golf  
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Over the next few months, we're going to be holding several Disc Golf Tournaments on campus. There will be two practice tournaments in July and August and one official tournament in September/October (probably in the mornings to avoid the heat). We are still working on the logistics, but the basic format will be each staff that decides to play will be teamed up with a person that lives here to compete against other pairs of staff/individual.

There will be an assessment period, so people are paired appropriately and compete with people of similar skill levels. If you don't know how to play, we will also be offering "training" for both staff and individuals until the official tournament is held.

If you play Disc Golf regularly or just want to participate alongside someone that lives here (and possibly assist them), please contact David Daniel ASAP. If you have no interest in participating but would like to help in other ways (delivering water to participants, monitoring the baskets for the various skills competitions, etc.), please contact David Daniel ASAP.

P.S. Please check with your supervisor before volunteering to determine your potential availability.

# Shout Outs!

Kudos to **Sarah** and **her team @ 5972 Service Avenue** for being spot on today for the (4) beds that were delivered. Her and her team are always on the ball .... everything was ready to go. A smooth transition for bed swap out. Way to go Team 5972!

I would like to give a shoutout to the staff at **6450 Plum!** For the last few days my 2-10 shift has been extremely short just like other homes and staff have stepped up to help out. I would like to shoutout to my supervisor **Sheila Doolittle** - she comes in every day every shift to help us. **Maria Deluna** has been stepping in when we need help on several occasions without even hesitating and **Tammy Decker** has filled in to help us every day when we need help. Without these ladies I could not run my shift. I know the campus is struggling but without the amazing staff we couldn't do this. Thanks to everyone for the dedication.

Shout out to **Jennifer Lee** from Hab for being willing to go the extra mile to help out staff and residents.

A shout-out to everyone involved in last weeks Trust Fund Audit. As in years past, we passed with flying colors and lots of nice comments from the Auditors. **Jane Whalen** (Accounting) along with **Michelle Blackshear & Kelsi Jowers** (Reimbursement) make things look easy but it's really lots of work!

A huge shout-out goes out to **Terry Kent, Michael Roberts & Declan Casey** in Maintenance/Carpentry! **Terry** has been painting the Chapel – both the worship area and the lobby – and it has turned out beautifully. And do you remember the pictures of the large puzzle that the entire campus contributed to a few weeks ago? **Michael** was able to hang the entire thing on the Chapel worship center wall. And it's up there good. **Declan** has been helping Terry and Michael in both of these efforts. You guys rock!

I deeply appreciate the **Home staff, Behavior staff, and REC staff** that attend and help during each Chapel Service. Everybody has a great attitude, gets involved in the songs, helps with individuals when needed, listens, and just gets into it. It makes a *huge* difference in the overall feel of the service! Thank you all!

## Have Thoughts & Ideas to Share?

Everyone has thoughts & ideas to make AbSSLC an even better place to work and live.

Are all of them doable with current resources, federal & state laws, policies, and such?

They aren't but ...

**We want to hear your thoughts & ideas.** While it's true that many things have been suggested in the past didn't/couldn't work, this doesn't mean your idea isn't something we can try. It's easy to gripe about things but step up and let us you're your suggestions!

- Maybe it's something that has never been thought of
- Maybe it's something that has been tried in the past but it's time to try again
- Maybe it's something that can't be done but at least you know the "why" of it
- Maybe it's just the coolest idea ever and it took you to suggest it

### How do I ...?

Sending in your thoughts & ideas is easy!

- Reply to any "AskAdmin" text
- Text directly to **325.370.4525**
- Email [talktoabsslc@hsc.state.tx.us](mailto:talktoabsslc@hsc.state.tx.us)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Shout out to **Stephanie Lebowitz!** She has hit the ground running at 6450 Plum and is working so hard to take care of the people who live there. She takes a holistic approach and puts a lot of thought and effort into coming up with solutions to problems.

**Billy Kuykendall** is a rare gem. He is always up to some sort of shenanigan, but he works hard and puts his heart into his work. He is often one of the guys that will lend a helping hand and not complain. He ensures he builds a rapport with the gentleman he serves and works hard to maintain it. Great asset AbSSLC as well as Behavioral Services!

Shout out to **Shelia Doolittle** and the **staff at 6450 Plum.** They know, love, and support the women who live there so well. In addition to that, they have each other's backs as well. That is a hard balance to achieve, and they are the masters of it despite being short.