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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 July 18th, 2022

Let's Celebrate YOU (our amazing staff), cool off,
and have some fun together at:



thanks to the generosity of the Volunteer Services Council.
(You can choose 1 of 3 nights to attend)!

Monday, July 18th 7:30-9:30pm **or**
Tuesday, July 19th 7:30-9:30pm **or**
Wednesday, July 20th 7:30-9:30pm

What you need to do: Get a ticket (ticket will be required for entry into the Cove)

How to get a ticket: Contact Community Relations @ ext 3386/3547

or

email Shae Butts or Cindy Arellano with:

- Your name
- Date of night you will attend
- How many tickets you need. *Maximum of 4 tickets
- **First Come First Serve** (limited to 500 for each night). Even if you are not swimming you need a ticket to get in. Tickets will be a different color for each night and can only be used for the night they are given. 10-6 we WILL arrange to get your tickets to you but need you to contact us with the above info!

What To Do AFTER you have a ticket:

- Come to Adventure Cove on the night you reserved your ticket: 2742 S 9th St, Abilene, TX 79605 (Near Rose Park): Monday 7/18 OR Tuesday 7/19 OR Wednesday 7/20
- 7:30pm-9:30pm
- HAVE FUN!!
- The concession stand will be open. Please bring money if you wish to purchase food/drink from their concession stand.



**POOL
PARTY**



This is the week for Adventure Cove!

There are some tickets still available. If you have already requested tickets, please remember to get them from Community Relations
(8:30am-4pm, B501 – across from FCT/D)

A ticket is required for each person to enter Adventure Cove - no ticket, no entry!



The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now **988**

You can now dial this number from any phone at all agency offices, State Hospitals, and State Supported Living Centers. Similar to 911, you can dial 988 or 9-988.

This new dial code does not replace the previous phone number (1-800-273-8255).

Both will connect callers to 24/7 help.

Transporting Individuals in Wheelchairs



Remember that Individuals that utilize wheelchairs cannot be loaded facing backwards while being transported. Policy and curriculum both state that a **person who utilizes a wheelchair must be facing forward** while being transported unless otherwise approved.

Some reasons for this procedure:

If the van is in an accident or must stop suddenly, the person being transported will have their head move forward which is more natural than having their head snap backwards because they are facing the rear of the vehicle.

It is just a courtesy for the passenger who utilizes a wheelchair to be facing the same direction as the driver and other passengers.

This is a critical part of keeping everyone safe!

COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, July 19th

Round 2 - Thursday, June 21st

Arriving at the gate?

Mask On
Form Ready



Dial 3900 or
795-3900
for help!

Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Helen** in the mail room for going the extra mile and finding a package for pharmacy that was delivered to campus but didn't make it to us when we expected it. I was close to panic after making several unsuccessful calls to try locate it. She truly saved the day!

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The facility flashed back a century to the Roaring '20s. Pictured from left are Kayla Saucedo, Erricka Parker, Randa Doshier, Shanna Barron, Director Linda Hinshaw, Barbara Marrow, Misty Mendez and Celeste Graschel.

We made the Friday Photos! from State Office!

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@hhsc.state.tx.us

We look forward to hearing from you!

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!