



TEXAS
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 October 2nd, 2023

State Vehicles



The Attorney General’s Office has clarified the definition of a “State Vehicle” – and the requirements to be able to drive one. A State Vehicle is now considered to be **any type** of vehicle owned by the State. This includes, of course, cars/vans & trucks but **also** includes golf carts & utility vehicles.

In order to be able to drive a State Vehicle as defined above, you must have a **current** Texas Drivers License and be **current** in your Defensive Driving training. In addition, you must be cleared through the Driving Program maintained by FCT/D and be on the list of valid drivers.

This is a big change for all – in the past a golf cart was not considered a vehicle and didn’t fall under some of the same rules as a car/van/truck would. This has now changed and you **must** be a valid State Driver to drive any type of State vehicle on campus.

FCT/D will be issuing cards that will be attached with your AbSSLC Badge to show what vehicles you are cleared to drive. Security will, in turn, be checking to ensure drivers are following the required policy.



Employee Christmas Fund

What is the “Employee Christmas Fund”?

Donations specifically for the **Employee Christmas Fund** (AKA/Formerly: Turkey Fund) are collected from now until the beginning of December. Funds are used to purchase gift cards to a local grocery store and will be given to staff (via random drawing) to use to purchase “a turkey” and/or groceries for Christmas. The gift cards (\$20.00) are always a welcome gift to those who receive one.

How do you Donate?

Bring **CASH** to Community Relations (Building #501- the door closest to FCTD) any time between NOW and DECEMBER if you would like to contribute to this fund!

What will we do?

If you are donating in recognition of someone (such as your boss for Bosses Day or a co-workers birthday) we will send a card to the person you want recognized letting them know that you have given to the **Employee Christmas Fund** in their honor. The money will be collected and kept until gift cards are purchased in December to give out to staff (through random drawing). Administrators will hand out the gift cards near Christmas.

The more money we receive for this the more gift cards we can purchase and bless staff with this year! Questions? Call Shae @ x3547!



Please do your part to keep
those living & working @
AbSSLC Safe!



Click the [link](#) or scan the code to let us know your questions or tell us your ideas and thoughts to make AbSSLC an even better place to live & work!



Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Amanda English** and **Chelsey Cunningham** for providing the best care for all of the residents, on and off their caseloads. The dedication and support they provide for both residents and staff is truly above and beyond.

The Switchboard Operators would like to send a shout-out for **Vicki Boland, Housekeeper**. Vicki is very professional, always upbeat, considerate of our allergies to cleaning supplies, and keeps our Administration Building looking great! We appreciate your hard work, Vicki!

A Shout Out to **Maintenance**. Many times, you see their work but often much of what they do is behind the scenes. Their work in all areas truly helps make AbSSLC the best place to live & work!

Shout out to **Amanda English, NP!** She is such an awesome provider for our facility and a blessing to the people we serve. Her caring and love for the people who live here is evident in her daily interactions and the detail in her professional care. She is a hands on provider and it shows in all she does. Her work respect and teamwork with the nursing staff is so appreciated and makes for better care for the people! Thank you Amanda, for all you do!

An amazing Shout Out to **everyone** involved in the Fall Picnic held last Friday and a special thanks to the **Abilene Volunteer Services Council** for sponsoring this event. The amount of planning before the event and then time spent on the day itself is amazing. **Many thanks to all involved!**

Are you signed up for RAVE Texting?

Text **AbSSLCAskAdmin** to **77295** for our local texts
Text **AbSSLC**SO to **77295** for State Office texts

Signing up for the texting services helps you know what's going on @ AbSSLC and across the State!

🤔 Is it what ...or who that makes AbSSLC cookouts a success? 🤔

2,000+ sausages *580+lbs of meat ✂️ (Thank YOU Rattlesnake Smokehaus)

1,700+ tortillas

17 boxes of 60 count cookies

21 boxes of 50 count chips

33 cases of 36ish count drinks

10 packages of 125 count containers

A lot of wood

Lots of ice 🧊

Several "freak outs" 😊

\$\$\$\$ (Thank you VSC)

A HUGE smoker (Thank YOU Cory James, State Farm Agent)

Long night/day 🌙☀️

A few tears 😭

A group of grill/smoker masters 🍴

Amazing coworkers who work together 😎

Fantastic Volunteers 😊

THE best staff to celebrate/appreciate 🎉🥳

Lots of steps 🦶

Sweat 💦

Smoke 🌫️

And ...

a WHOLE LOT OF LOVE & HEART 💜!

Alllll that 📈(and more) is exactly what makes these type of events a success! ✅

Our favorite part of these events is seeing everyone come together to make it happen. 🥰

It definitely takes EVERYONE to make ANYTHING happen at AbSSLC!

THANK YOU to ALL involved in the cookout today!

YOU make AbSSLC such a great place to serve, every day, especially TODAY! 🙏

☀️ TOGETHER WE SHINE ... BRIGHT ☀️

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

Photo Explosion!

Fall Picnic 2023

