



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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### COVID19 Testing @ LSCTH

Round 1 - Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Round 2 - Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

### Budget 101

Our friends at the Department of State Health Services did an excellent summary of the State of Texas budget process. You can watch it here:

<https://vimeo.com/791994693/0317133434>

### Food Delivery to Campus

To assist with on-going issues, all food service delivery drivers (GrubHub, Doordash, etc.) will be required to deliver to the gate – they cannot come directly to the home/building where you work. Family members & friends (**with a designated driver card**) can still come directly to you.

When calling for a delivery, please ensure you give the restaurant your **full name, phone number** and **where you work**. Several times a week we get a delivery without a name or just a first name. This makes it almost impossible to find you.

We still have staff speeding through the entry/exit without regard to the safety of the staff working there. This is recorded on video and your supervisor will be notified when this occurs. Continued issues could result in your losing your privilege to drive on campus.

### Lights ... Camera ... Action!

FCT&D has a slide show of pictures from around campus that will be playing in the hallway at the main entrance to the building. We would like for the different departments & homes to send us pictures representing the staff around campus (please no pictures of individuals) to add to our slide show. These pictures can be funny or serious but please make sure they are appropriate to display. We want to celebrate our campus as well as the people who makes up our Amazing Team!



to raise \$ for Abilene SSLC to shine bright at the 2023 Music Festival!

## BAKE SALE

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
COVID Testing (5am-3pm)

### STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

David Payne: Celebrating 40 years of service

David Payne started his career with the state in November of 1980. His adventurous nature led him to work in several different roles during his time with the state, including welding and plumbing. David currently serves as a Maintenance Tech IV/Grounds Supervisor in Abilene, where his focus is keeping the golf carts in good working order. To read more about David Payne's Experiences over the past 40 years, visit the [EAC Communications SharePoint](#)



### The 1<sup>st</sup> Street entry/exit remains closed until further notice

Lakeside/21<sup>st</sup> is open 24/7 for **entry & exit**  
24<sup>th</sup>/Maple is open 5am-5pm (Monday-Friday) for **exit only**



We want to hear about the best ways to communicate with **you** on the various campus events & happenings. Please take 2 minutes to complete the survey! <https://forms.office.com/r/hHBxM64XRX>

# Shout Outs!

I would like to send a shout out for **Kellie Mattis, PTA** from Hab. She works so hard holding down the fort and making sure the Individuals get their treatments. She is so dedicated and she loves what she does

Another shout out to **Vicki Boland**. Thanks for her dedication and a good job whenever she clean the HAB building. It is done professionally.

Big, beautiful shout out for **Mollie Lewis**, DSP staff at 5971 Service Avenue. She is very knowledgeable about the individuals she works with, even though she is a recent NEPT graduate. She is attentive to their moods and intervenes with calm words & interaction when needed. She is able to comfort and calm individuals because she remains calm herself and addresses them in a friendly, soothing manner. Way to go Mollie!

A special Shout Out to **Transportation** for their work in last week's ice storm. Anytime we have inclement weather they are always willing & able to transport staff critical in making coverage to and from home. Their efforts are very much appreciated!

A special Shout Out to **JT & Garrett** (Maintenance) for their extra special efforts last week – they made a 4-hour round trip Thursday to get checks that had been delayed due to the weather. Their special efforts made a difference for staff at 5 facilities!

Shout Out to **Charissa** from 6750 Circle Drive! She has been a great help and does not mind doing whatever we ask her!

I'd like to give some recognition to **Brianna Cardona** from 6720 Circle Drive. Even with the bad weather she came into work and found herself being the only staff for a short period while we worked out coverage - she didn't hesitate to get what she could going and remained calm and just rolled with it. If she was stressed, she didn't show it. She is a fairly new staff, but you would have never known by the way she handled things. Briana, thank you for coming in and showing your dedication to those we serve it was appreciated more than you know!

I want to give a shout out to everybody working so hard through this winter weather event. I know its hard to have to come to work when the roads are bad and school is canceled but the residents need us here and I thank every single person who has showed up this week to take care of them. A huge shout out to **Grounds & Security** for helping keep the campus roads and sidewalks safe and the **Transportation team** for risking it to go pick up employees to make sure the residents get the care they need. It takes the team effort through an event like this! The AbSSLC team ROCKS!

Just wanted to recognize and give a shout out to **Luisa Hernandez** for being at work on a cold & icy pay to look out for individuals who are expecting to be paid in spite of inclement weather. It'll likely prevented the need to call some behavioral codes!

I want to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to the **Accounting Team**. Without them, we couldn't do much of the work that we do on the campus. They get the bills paid and keep us in good standing with our vendor partners. I would like to give an EXTRA SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to **Stacy Ledesma** who helps everyone when they have questions about their ProCards. She is an invaluable asset to the cardholders of this campus. Thanks everyone for your hard work and dedication to your profession.

We wanted to get a huge shout out to **Maribel** DSP from 6510 Peach. She floated to 5971 Service Avenue on Friday the 3rd and has been a terrific help! You can tell she is definitely a go-getter at work because even on a unfamiliar home she is eager and asking what the next task is and is not taken a back by doing whatever has been requested of her! Keep up the good work girl!

## 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!