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**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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## COVID19 Testing @ LSCTH

All staff are scheduled to test on Day 1 (Tuesday of each week). Make-up for those that missed Tuesday is Day 2 (Thursday of each week).

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

0530-1130 & 1300-1500

**Make-up**

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

1300-1500

## AbSSLC Emergency Number

**325.692.0606**

This number is available if the regular phone system is down.

It can be reached for your cell phone!

## AbSSLC HSCS & Service Awards

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

AbSSLC Gym

We also hope to have a virtual option to attend – stay tuned

**Communication Survey?** This is the last week the survey will be open – and we want to hear from **you!** If you have not completed it yet, please do so at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/hHBxM64XRX>

## 2023 Brings a Step Up in our Quality Efforts! And a Campus Contest worth \$50.00!

In January, AbSSLC formed a campus-wide team for the Culture of Quality Committee (CQC). Staff from several departments will gather each month to learn best practices on enhancing the quality of our services and supports. They will also explore how best to learn from each level of our respected staff and, in turn, share successes to all staff.

The CQC will complement the iLearn training modules that each of us receive monthly. It also seeks to support the State Office quality campaign named “Together We Shine” which uses podcasts, training posters and Center spotlight articles.

**Bring on the Contest!** We want to hear from you on a rally statement or motto that works across our campus. A motto that highlights the quality services that each department displays daily. We’re excited to ask for your ideas on what the motto or quality statement should be?

The selected submission would be used campus-wide as a method of showing our pride for a job consistently accomplished. Please submit your idea(s) with this link <https://forms.office.com/r/Sj5T2x4EZB>

A winning slogan/motto will be selected in early March with a gift certificate of \$50.00! If you wish to include a sketch/emoji with your submission that is acceptable as well. Thank you, Team!



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!

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 needed treatments. She is so dedicated, and she loves what she does

Big, beautiful shout out for **Mollie Lewis, DSP** 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!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to **everyone who helped make the bake sale a HUGE success for the 2023 Music Festival!** We appreciate everyone who baked for the sale, donated items/\$ to the sale, purchased items at the sale, and those who worked/volunteered at the sale! AbSSLC staff are SO generous! THANK YOU for being a sweetie to those we serve! YOU ROCK!

Shout out to **Heather Barlow** ... in the last two months she has referred two people who were hired - one in Accounting, and one in Maintenance. Thank you, Heather, for helping the AbSSLC recruitment efforts!

A Shout Out to **Tammy Fernandez**, Housekeeper at 5971 Service Avenue. It is appreciated that Tammy keeps the home at 5971 in top shape. Each of the rooms, hallways, public spaces are clean, kept free of clutter and have the extra touch of making the spaces shine with beauty. It is also a blessing to have Tammy give extra touches of caring to the Individuals living in the home. She takes pride in her work and gives the gift of a positive attitude and smile. Thank you, Tammy for helping to make 5971 Service a safe, loving home. We're lucky to have you!

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

I want to give a big thank you and Shout Out to **Ruben Galvan**. Ruben learned of a need we had over at the Chapel and – even though it was a big job – he showed up the very next day to take care of it. It turned out great! Ruben has been around a long time, does great work, and is a great guy. Thanks, Ruben!

And while I'm at it, let's make this a family affair by giving a shout-out to Ruben's wife, **Cheryl Galvan!** Cheryl takes care of us all in heading up the Covid-testing, but she also consistently takes care of those in need on our campus. She's quite sneaky in her service to others, but has blessed many, many staff and residents during her years on our campus. Thanks for being awesome, Cheryl!

A special Shout Out to everyone that has been involved in the massive hiring efforts over the past 3 weeks – this has truly been a **campus effort** and had many staff & departments come together to make it work. 40+ started 2/6 and 70+ start starting 2/13 because of these efforts!

## 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!