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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 February 27th, 2023

COVID19 Testing @ LSCTH

Day 1 – All Staff
Tuesday, February 28th
0530-1130 & 1300-1500

Day 2 – Make-Up Day
Wednesday, March 1st
1300-1500

Uber/Lyft & Food Deliveries

Due to on-going safety issues with off-campus drivers, Uber/Lyft & Food Delivery drivers will no longer be allowed on campus at any time. They can come to the entry/exit gate but will not be allowed to enter campus itself.

Food deliveries will be held at the gate – the driver can either wait for you or leave the food, depending on what you have arranged with them. Please ensure the food driver has your full name, work location and phone number when you place an order. **The gate is not responsible for your food.**

If you are using Uber/Lyft to come to/from work, you will have to get out at the gate when coming to work and meet them at the gate when leaving.

Family members or friends must have a Designated Driver card to enter campus – otherwise they will be held at the gate as well. In addition, remember **you** are responsible for their actions on campus.

We had a very near miss Wednesday night (2/22) that could have resulted in a very serious injury – or death – to a staff member due to an Uber Driver's disregard for our rules. This is the same practice as followed at our sister facilities.



SPRING 2023 Semester TIER II LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE!

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

Monday, **February 27th** thru Tuesday, **March 7th** @ **5pm**

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

Recent supervisors, shift leads and mid-level department managers from all AbSSLC departments are encouraged to apply. **Managers and Department/Unit Leads who do not supervise are also encouraged to apply.**

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT:

Tier II Leadership Development consists of pre-course readings and assessments, team activities, classroom sessions, and presentations. Tier II is designed to enhance your leadership skills to further prepare you for increasingly responsible roles at AbSSLC or other state positions. 20+ instructors from several AbSSLC departments help us to help you succeed.

WHEN:

March 22nd to April 26th, with a planned break on April 5th. The Tier II Leadership Development course will be held full days on Wednesdays at The Chapel.

Interested staff may apply at

<https://forms.office.com/r/FNaSXXUEm1>

Selected candidates will be notified by March 10th, 2023. Contact Steven Roberts with any questions at: steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov

Food Truck Friday!

Tacolote will be here for lunch on Friday (1130-1330)! They will be located on 3rd Street by the Bill Cain Pavilion.

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Jack Hubbard**, Maintenance. He recognized an on-going issue with one of the appliances at each home and custom designed a part to make it better for the future. Great job!

A big Shout Out to the **FCT/D staff** – they have been working extra hours and duties to accommodate the two huge NEPT classes currently underway. This has required a lot of changes and adjustment, but they have handled it perfectly as we welcome over 120+ new staff to campus!

Shout out to **Jasell** from 6370 7th Street! I needed assistance with an assessment, and she was so happy, cooperative, and helpful! Jasell, thank you so much for all your help!

Thank you to the **Vocational Services Lawn Crew, Christian Devora** and “coworker”, did such a GREAT job on grooming our yard at Community Relations building #501, on Tuesday 2/21! Thank y’all SO much!!

I wanted to let you know how much respect and professionalism **Keith Wakefield** displays not just for me but all my Instructors. He was painting Emily office yesterday and I was in and out of that office doing my best to not be in his way - Keith had all kind and respectful words for my department, his job working here at the facility and the impact our services can do for a better life to the population we serve. I didn’t get to thank him for doing a great job and for being a great, invested employee.

A big Shout Out to **Shae Butts** in Community Relations. Shae has a dedicated team that do their best to keep activities and connections across our campus running smooth, but it is Shae that leads the way each day and each week. Shae finds ways to say yes! Shae looks for the best in how we support our staff, and often works off hours to meet with Community members on our behalf. She elevates our campus operations to so many in the Abilene region. Thank you Shae, for bringing out the best in us.

AbSSLC in the Friday Photos!

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A graduation celebration was held Feb. 21 for the inaugural Tier III Leadership Class. The Tier III team project was improving campus communication. Pictured from left are Susan Kilpatrick, Stephanie Lebowitz, Torrey Williams, Mike Horton, Kenny Dry, David Daniel, Barbara Marrow-Hale, Ashley Alonzo, Staff Sgt Chase Decker, Sarah Chavarria, Jeff Branch and Linda Hinshaw.

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The Habilitation Therapy Department had a door decorating contest for Valentine’s Day. Of the 10 doors competing, first place went to “Love is So Punny” by physical therapists Jennie Dodd, Tara Regala and Jennifer Lee.

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!