

# 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 June 19th, 2023



## 2023 Summer Enrollment

Your Chance to Make Benefit Changes

June 26 - July 7

ers.texas.gov/se-2023





#### Glenda's Second Edition

After being "campus only" for a number of years due to COVID19, Glenda's Second Edition opened again to the public last week! The grand reopening was celebrated with popcorns and coke – and a line to get in!



#### Visit the Abilene VSC Website!

AbileneVSC.org



#### Abilene, TX **Free Dental Event** prescreening

June 23rd: 2025 Pine Street Abilene, TX

June 30th: 2425 Antilley Road Abilene,TX

Attending a prescreen prior to treatment day will get your paperwork, exam, and X-Rays out of the way and shorten your ait on treatment day. No treatment is done at prescreen. It is NOT required to attend treatment day but is highly recommended.

Scan to make a prescreen appointment:

https://bit.ly/Abilene-Prescreen-



#### What you need to know for prescreen: must be 8+ to get treatment

- · Patients under 18 but have a parent or guardian
- know your medical history and bring a list of

Treatment day will be July 14th -15th starting at 5:30 AM at the Abilene Convention Center. We will be taking walkups on treatment day



Ear pods (and headphones) cannot be used unless your supervisor has given you explicit permission to do so. These create a safety risk because you cannot hear things around you.

## **Vehicle Safety**

With Summer upon us, remember that you should only leave your windows down 1" or less for ventilation. This is very important to the safety of those that live here so they can't get into your vehicle. Adding a sunshade to your window(s) can also help with the heat!

### **Shout Outs!**

Shout Out - Our housekeeper **Carlos**, is AHHHHHMMMMAAAAZZZIIINNNGGG!! He keeps our building shining from top to bottom each and every day!! He is THE best and we are so thankful and grateful for him!!

I want to thank the 6390 Plum Activity Center **lead staff** and **staff** for being so gracious today assisting in getting 6390 ready for the 6450 Plum ladies to move. I know it is hard for both the individuals and staff when they have to give up the Center they go to daily. COVID has really made a difference and has taken away Day Program options for the individuals numerous times. Please know that decisions like this are not made easily but sometimes the bigger picture has to be looked at to do what is right for the people who live on campus. Please thank your staff and let them know how appreciated they are for what they do so naturally!

I would love to give a shoutout to JT and the moving crew who helped move everyone from6450 Plum - we couldnt have done it without their help. Also to Sheila who always makes sure the ladies and staff are taken care of. Sarah Chavarria and Roxanne Luera always comes to our rescue and they were awesome at helping without hesitation. Also 2-10 staff came in early to help assist. I know i have missed alot but i know ot was a team effort and the job got done. Great job everyone.

I would like to send a shout out to the new housekeeper on the young men's home, **Cresencio Barajas**. Cresencio has been assigned to the home for one week & we've seen such a big difference in the cleanliness of the environment. He has come with an open mind and positive attitude. Thank you for all your hard work, we look forward to working with you.

I would like to submit a "Shout Out" to **Robert Lomas** from Transportation. Thank you for the kind note you left me on my windshield. It brightened my day and I truly appreciate the time you took to write it as well as leave it for me. Not many people take the time to leave hand written notes (at least not nice ones LOL!) nor do they realize how much a kind word can change a person's day! Thank you again!



In the various surveys done, **communication** usually comes in very high as an issue that needs fixing. **Lack of communication** may be a better term for it but regardless, this is something we want to work on – and with your help.

We have our **Feedback Committee** along with the **texting line**, **feedback portal** and **direct texting**. We also introduced the **Leadership Link** last week where 5 staff were invited to a face-to-face visit with Administration to discuss any issues of interest (more on this to come ...).

How do you want to communicate?
What is the best way for you to reach out with your comments, ideas & thoughts?
How do you want to hear back from Admin?

#### Reach out!

- Reply to any "Ask Admin text"
- Text directly to 325.370.4525
- Use the 100% anonymous Feedback Portal @ https://www.absslc.org/feedback/

#### **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!