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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 September 4th, 2023

DSP week is 9/10-9/16!

Let's have some fun!

YOUR participation will show your support, recognition, and appreciation for AbSSLC DSPs and the work they do 365 days a year!

We KNOW we are blessed with THE best DSPs, at AbSSLC!

Monday, 9/11 - 80's dress up day!

After all these 100s, we need the 80s again!

80

Tuesday, 9/12 - Mix & Match

Clothing! Be on the lookout for our famous AbSSLC TikTokers dancing their way around AbSSLC)



Wednesday, 9/13 - Wacky Hair Wednesday:

Wacky hair ... Don't care! Because DSPs have more important things to worry about than what our hair looks like!



Thursday, 9/14 - Super Hero THURSDAY: Dress

like/represent your favorite Super Hero. Because DSPs are our heroes!



Friday, 9/15 - Fantastic Friday - We can't do anything alone ~ Together, with DSPs, We shine BRIGHT! Wear your AbSSLC or



Department T-shirts with a BRIGHT smile! Watch for a Special Delivery to Homes across campus, for Home DSPs, thanks to the VSC (and Community Relations)!

Disclaimer: As always, if you have to ask yourself "is this outfit appropriate for work", it's not! Change your outfit before you come to work! Please follow the dress code when picking out your OOC (outfits of choice). Please send photos of you/your department to shae.butts@hhs.texas.gov

Happy New Year!



Fall 2023 Semester TIER II LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE!



APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

Monday, **Sept 4th** thru Wednesday, **Sept 13th** @ 5pm

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

Recent supervisors, shift leads and mid-level department managers from all AbSSLC departments are encouraged to apply. **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:

The Tier II Leadership Development course will be held on Thursdays, Sept 28th to Nov 9th with a planned break on Oct 19th and ½ day afternoon session on Nov 9th.

Interested staff may apply via

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

Selected candidates will be notified by Sept 18th, 2023.

Contact Steven Roberts with any questions at:

steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov

Two Chairs & a Mike – Episode #4! See it @

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gC3LvmqWDZ0>

Shout Outs!

I would like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to **Thomas Flores** and **Randall Davis**. Every morning I come in they have the greatest attitude and great energy ... a great way to start the day. Thanks!

I want to send a shout out to **Sarah Johnson** for going above and beyond while I was working on home 6500 Plum - she helped my URC job continue while I was helping out elsewhere

I would like to give a Shout Out to the Unit 4 URC's **Jennifer, Melisa, Sophia** and our HAS **Amanda**. They are always willing to help the homes when they are short staffed and they do so much behind the scenes that goes unmentioned but not unnoticed. THANK YOU LADIES, FOR ALL YOU DO! 😊

Giving a shout to **Egypt Butler!** She has been an angel to 6350 1st Street at mealtime and more! We really appreciate her a lot, thank you Egypt!

Just wanted to give kudos to **Joe Salas**. We did some role-play/modeling yesterday with blocking pads on a PBSP with work center staff. He did a fantastic job! He was kind & took the lead, gave corrective feedback, and provided multiple scenarios for staff to get the most of training.

Thank you to the always amazing **Recreation** group for the Snow Cones and special delivery! We appreciate YOU!

Shout Out to **Gabriel Borrojas** from the Activity Centers - Thank you for helping us at 6720 Circle Dr. He is amazing!

Shout Out to **Ashley Loftis** who works at 6521 Peach for going the extra mile to help out at Audiology by going out to the Transportation Van and bringing in an individual in a wheelchair. Ashley did not have to, but she DID! Thank you Ashley!

Van Gough @ AbSSLC!



I wanted to share photos from the “Van Gogh Private Exhibit” held recently for one of the men @ 6400 Plum. This was organized by **Kayla, Barbara, Jennifer Z, Kayla’s** husband, and Barbara’s daughter, **Paige**. These staff and helpers went above and beyond to create a special experience for him.

Several months ago, after visiting with the young man, Kayla had an idea for AbSSLC to host a Van Gogh art show. He had expressed an interest in visiting a Van Gogh art show, however, due to cost and travel arrangements, instead of taking him to a Van Gogh art show she wanted to bring the Van Gogh art show to him and other residents at AbSSLC. Originally, the plan was to have the art show set up this week and have the work displayed for a couple of weeks. Due to circumstances, beyond their control, the art show is now being planned for this fall/winter. He has been looking forward to this show and Kayla didn’t want to disappoint him, so Kayla and her helpers set up the art show at FCTD for a special viewing on a Saturday evening. Kayla made a brief history background for each piece of art to display with the art. Those involved with the show have some ideas on what they would like to do differently for the upcoming show with input from the young man.

We appreciate the efforts of those involved with the idea, putting the idea into action, and coordinating/organizing the private exhibit for Dusty to experience this past weekend and, in advance, for the upcoming show.



Let’s Shout Out and recognize others!

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