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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

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Week of September 11th, 2023

COVID-19 ... again

We are starting to see COVID-19 cases increase on campus and in the community.

Please keep in mind the following:

- Practice good hand hygiene with either an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and/or soap and water. Hand sanitizer should not be used if hands are visibly dirty or after caring for a resident with C. diff infection.
- Wear a manufactured face mask for up to 10 days if you have had direct exposure to COVID-19 at home or work
- If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 stay home and follow call-in procedures.
- If you start having symptoms of COVID-19 while at work, please put on a mask and notify your supervisor that you need to leave.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 please make sure to contact Risk Management.

Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever / Chills
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nursing at extension 3928.

Self-Reporting & You

We periodically get questions on self-reporting and the process ... here are a few that might help you!

How does the facility know I was arrested?

Within 2-3 days of any arrest (or court action) we get a "wrap-back" with the details. This is why it is so important to self-report as soon as you can.

Can I continue to work after the arrest?

The simple answer is ... maybe. There are numerous legal issues that are considered "bars" to employment – these can keep you from working and ultimately cost you your job. Others are considered "non-bars" and usually won't keep you from working.

Is it true I can be terminated for not-self reporting?

Yes! Self-reporting of any arrest, indictment, adjudication of guilt, plea of guilty or no contest, assessment of probation, pretrial diversion or community supervision and deferred adjudication along with dismissals, acquittals or similar final outcomes must be reported within 5 days of the event.

How do I self-report?

Tell your supervisor that you need to self-report one of the items listed above. They will contact Jeff (ADoA) and we will make arrangements for you to complete the required paperwork. If the issue is considered a "bar" or "possible bar" your options will be explained in detail.

Is there a simple way to know if I should self-report, just to be safe?

The easiest thing to do is report any involvement with the police or court. This includes any update you may have with an on-going issue. We get wrap-backs on even the simplest of things – such as a traffic ticket – so just doing the self-report is the easiest thing to do.

Texas State Employee Union

TSEU Representatives will be at the (World Famous)
5th Street Diner on the 12th & 13th



Two Chairs & a Mike – DSP Edition!

Link: <https://youtu.be/XJ5kY4RCjH0>



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! **We want to hear from you!**



Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Ryan** and **Colin** with FCT/D. They did a great job with their Ukeru trainer recertification class yesterday! They made it a very easy observation while also being engaging with the mix of their styles and personalities together.

Big Shout Out to **Tara Beaver**. Tara is one of the best to work with. If you need something or have an issue you can't figure out, she will do whatever she can to help. Tara has helped me out on several occasions. Thank you for your big smile, every time I come to your office. Mr. Goza, Tara is a good one.

I wanted to shout out **Samantha**, a new DSP @ 5972 Service Ave. In just a short while being here, you can see her heart through her work. She has taken initiative to ask questions, read plans and get to know the people she'll be serving. When interacting with them she shows respect and has a positive attitude. Even when placed in a challenging behavior situation she has shown to remain calm and do her best to deescalate the situation and maintain the person's dignity. Way to go Sam! Never lose that new fresh heart eager for the people we serve! I notice and I know they do too!

Shout Out to **Sarah** (6330 3rd Street) and **Kenny** (Maintenance). They have been working on a presentation they are doing in Austin. It has to be hard to stand up in front of a bunch of people and do this - I'm glad it's not me doing it! Thanks to both of them.

As Electric Shop Supervisor I lean on my guys, **Tab**, **Wayne** and **Ronny** to get things done in a timely manor. They deserve a big Shout Out for their hard work & during this very hot summer. THANKS!

HSCS Friday Photos!

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Staff across campus got to enjoy a snow cone when the Recreation Crew delivered the sweet treats throughout the day and into the night. In front, from left, are Pam Wilson, Priscilla Jones and Cindy Arellano. In back are Ashley Marrow, Brittany Smith and Lauren DeAnda.

Thanks to the Barris family, the AbSSLC Dental office has a new DVD player and stand for residents to enjoy during their visits to the Dental Office. We are thankful for our AbSSLC Dental staff and generous family members. AbSSLC Dental staff work together, alongside the patient and IDT, to help ensure the safety of patients and provide a comfortable setting, making visits successful and enjoyable. Thank YOU, Dental Staff and Barris Family! We appreciate YOU!



(L to R) Dental Office Staff Pam Acevedo, Khristina Rodriguez, Elaine Andress, Dr. Holt

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!

- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525
- Use the anonymous feedback link @ <https://www.absslc.org/feedback/>