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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

Abilene SSLC

Week of February 12th, 2024

Fence Update

The fencing being installed around campus is going well and is actually ahead of schedule. If things continue, it will be finished the last of February or the 1st couple of weeks into March. Some of this timing is dependent on supplies arriving.



A common question has been why the Maple Street fence “bends” on the north end by the cottages. This change was made to allow for better road drainage – the City of Abilene will be beginning a reconstruction of Maple in the next couple of months. Maple will have two lanes going each way.

When roadwork starts on Maple, we will evaluate our entrances/exits – some changes may be temporarily needed in how we enter & exit campus. More to come on that one ...

24th Street Gate

The 24th Street Gate (by the Cottages) serves as the campus exit from 700am-830am Monday-Friday but will also be our “extra gate to use” when 1st Street must be closed due to a behavior crisis or other emergency. If the light is flashing on the booth at the 1st Street Gate or on our upcoming gate at Maple/1st, you should use 24th Street for entry & exit.

We want to hear from you!

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!



Please be working on the new “Bed Bug” class ...

[Adverse Drug Reaction \(ADR\)](#)
[Bed Bug Training for SSLCs](#)
[CARE Forms](#)

This class is required for **all staff** on campus

ABSSLC TALENT SPECTACULAR!!

We are looking for all different kinds of talent. Come and show us what you've got! Anything from singing, dancing, telling a story or a comedy act.

Deadline: April 5th

Show Day: April 25th
Time: 9:30-11:30, at the GYM

Email or call: Dottie Pacheco, Laura Fuentes
Ext-3239 or 3641

Emails & Texts

We continue to see a number of *misleading* emails or emails that might be confusing come to email addresses across campus.

The email below, while not illegal, could easily confuse the reader and have them believe this is from our Retirement System (ERS) - in reality, this is from an outside company. Always be very cautious when receiving emails from outside the HHS system. If in doubt, delete it!

Texas HHS - Annual Retirement and Pension Meetings

ER Employee Retirement Assistance <bryce@theappointmentssetter.com>
To: Goza,Jeff (HHS/DADS)

① You forwarded this message on 1/29/2024 11:16 AM.
If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.
Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

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As a valued employee of Texas Health and Human Services, you are eligible for a free one-on-one consultation to answer your retirement, pension and benefit questions.

Name Badges must be worn at all times while on campus!

Shout Outs!

I want to Shout Out to **Jonthan** from Housekeeping for keeping Behavior Services clean on a daily basis and always being helpful when needing assistance. Especially after we moved from the other building. Thank you for your hard work.

I wanted to give **Daniel** a big shout out for all his help with one of the young men at school today. The teacher was very appreciative of your assistance. He had a productive day, and the teacher has asked if Daniel can continue coming with this gentleman, at least for now. Thank you again Daniel great job!

Shout Out to **Linda Estrada** – She helped us catch up and complete some much-needed Laundry. This was a huge help to the home!

I would like to give a shout out to **Sha’kolbi McCalister** for her hard work and dedication to the residents she works with. She is a great leader and team player, her work ethic is outstanding and greatly appreciated.

I’d like to Shout Out **Sarah Chavarria**. She’s an outstanding Home Supervisor, she goes above and beyond to make sure her home is covered staff wise. I’ve witnessed the love she gives to the individuals she serves and even when times get tough she has been a rock. For herself as well as others.

I’d like to Shout Out **Debbie Cagel**. She’s an amazing QIDP, a lead and a hard worker who always makes sure that the individuals she serves are receiving the best treatment and are accomplishing goals that her and her team have come up with. Debbie will give the shirt off of her back if it meant someone else was taken care of

I wanted to send a shout out to home staff **Bre’Anni** for being at 5961 Walnut only 2 weeks and taking the shift lead roll with only floats to help her through her shift. She stayed positive and made sure everyone had a break. Also shout of the 5962 Walnut staff **Logan** for supporting Bre’Anni and giving her encouragement.

Shout Out to **Terry Bloom!** – He did a wonderful job with painting my office. It is so beautiful. I am so grateful for the hard work that he did. Please let him know!

Shout Out to all of the **Activity Center staff** that are stepping in to help with coverage across the campus. I want to add in the shout out for **Brittany New** at 5961 Walnut. She did a great job with keeping positive and taking a 1-1 with the best attitude possible. The campus wouldn’t run without awesome employees like these showing up every day and making the impossible possible.



HAB Therapies had their 1st Annual Soup-er Bowl on 2/6/24 to prepare for Super Bowl. Winners received homemade trophies, first place got an Amazon card, and all got bragging rights for winning!

The winners (pictured L to R) were 1st Place-Jocelyn Villanueva with Fidello, 2nd Place-Suzanne Sargent with Tomato Basil, 3rd Place- Marlena Arduini with Chicken Gnocchi, and Honorable Mention-Kellie Mathis with Potato Soup. Special thanks to judges Emily Jenkins (QIDP Coordinator) and Melissa Castillo (Director of BHS)!

Let’s **Shout Out** and recognize others! Use the **Feedback site** or text **325.370.4525**