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Health and Human
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 February 5th, 2024

New Class - Bedbugs

There is a new iLearn class that has been added to the menu that **ALL** staff are required to complete. The new class is "Bed Bug Training for SSLCs". This class needs to be completed as soon as possible to prevent delinquency. This class will also be required annually.

Please select a course from the
Required Refresher Training
Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation
Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)
Bed Bug Training for SSLCs
CARE Forms

Health Precautions

As we are seeing, COVID, Flu and RSV have been making an extended visit to the campus. Please ensure you are doing your part to keep everyone here (and **you**) safe!

- Remember that when a home is on restriction that staff should not be going to other areas on campus such as the Diner, LSCTH, or Glenda's Second Edition.
- Ensure that you are using the appropriate PPE for each situation and that Restriction signs are on ALL exterior doors.
- PPE should not be worn outside of the home.
- Staff should not be visiting the home unless there is a need for them to be there.
- All staff should work together to clean high-touch surfaces frequently throughout the day and practicing good hand hygiene.
- Limit floating staff as much as possible.

Kickoff to Compliance!



(L to R – Keri McClure, Linda Hinshaw, Amber Davis)

**The Active
Treatment
Team Keeps
Us "Exit"
Motivated!**

Thanks to the talents of **Amber Davis** and **Keri McClure**, we have a creative banner to keep us motivated in the 2024 efforts toward exiting the DOJ settlement agreement.

State Office challenged each SSLC to come up with a theme to rally HSCS's efforts to exit the DOJ Settlement Agreement. When Amber and Keri first learned of AbSSLC's football theme, they immediately went to work and designed a banner that will help us keep focused on progress achieved by the departments. If you look closely, you'll notice helmets decorated by the section teams leading the charge to complete a specific piece of the agreement. The nearby footballs are data points updated and tracked by our Systems Improvement Specialist **Celeste Grascchel**.

One highlight of the banner is Amber's graphics of the AbSSLC Tigers! From this idea, the Special Olympics team members will have their own decorated images displayed soon on the banner.

The "Kickoff to Compliance" banner is hanging in the Administration Building Conference room during 2024. Please come by and see the amazing detail firsthand. Thank you to all the collaboration that keeps us "exit" motivated!

Name Badges must be worn at all times!

Shout Outs!

Thank you so much for the training with **Joyce Love, LVN**. she has gone above and beyond excellency in the training that she has given me to make a successful transition from the 2-10 shift to the 10-6 shift.

I would like to give a Great Big Shout Out to **Margie Moreno** who works hard at 6720 Circle Drive! Every time I see her, she always smiling with a Great attitude! She works long hours days at a time and never complains! She says she loves her job and the Individuals that she takes cares of out here! Thank you Margie, for being a great leader and awesome worker!

Shout out to **Keri McClure** and her **Activity Center staff** for the awesome Kickoff to Compliance Board located in the Admin Conference Room! They are always willing to provide banners, boards, or anything else the campus needs in the way of awesome art!! Thanks for making such an elaborate board to show out Court Monitor progress!

Shout out to **BHS Lecrisha Govan**. She regularly attends Unit III Daily Unit Meeting, Lecrisha is always prepared. Her knowledge and willing to help is so appreciated. It's obvious that Lecrisha truly cares for the folks that live at the ABSSLC. THANK YOU SO MUCH LECRISHA, YOURE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED!

Big Shout Out for **Francine Munezero** at 6380 7th Street for providing much needed and welcome information about an individual's Assistive Listening Device (ALD) and headphones. The individual is new to the home, but Francine could answer all my questions and knew all about the ALD and headphones. Thank you, Francine, for keeping up with equipment and knowing great information about the individuals you work with!!

This a thank you shout out to **Community Relations & Volunteer Services** for providing our staff and residents with pizza, drinks, and cookies last week for the Christmas decorating contest. They all enjoyed this treat.

We would like to express gratitude to DSP **Brikyveon Walker**. He is a Unit IV employee who has floated to the boy's home on several occasions to help. The teacher from Woodson Center for Excellence has also been very impressed with the Mr. Walker, mentioning "please send him back". THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Shout Out to **Jason Dockins** - today he brought one of the guys from 6360 1st Street to XRay. He needs to commended on the way the individual listened to him. He instructed us on what to do and we accomplished the impossible. We want a Shout Out for his care and commitment to those we serve. This was not the first time - he knows the guys and their needs.

Shoutout to **David Brown**. He has been working on 5961/5962 Walnut to help with coverage. David stepped up and put himself as shift lead when there wasn't any regular staff scheduled. His communication with the RCCs was spectacular. He made sure all LOSs were being covered and made sure staff weren't going over their 16 hrs. He went into this situation with good intention. We really appreciate him and his hard work.

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

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!