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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

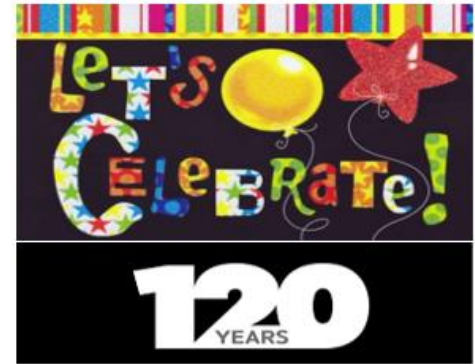
Abilene SSLC

Week of March 25th, 2024

Easter Services



Thursday, March 28th @ 10am
AbSSLC Gym



When: Tuesday, March 26th
Where: AbSSLC Don ~~Cable~~ Chapel
Cake/Punch will be served.
5:30am - 6:30am
1:30pm - 2:00pm
2:45pm - 3:30pm
2:00pm – Townhall Meeting

*Dress up (work appropriate) from your favorite decade between 1904-2024!

On March 26th, 1904, the *State Epileptic Colony* opened!
120 years and still going strong, as the
Abilene State Supported Living Center!

Building Egress Maps

Each occupied building on the campus has a **Building Egress Map** that shows various safety components of the building, including exits, locations of fire extinguishers and where the Safe Zone is located. One of the most important items shown is the location of the **Fire Alarm Panel**. It's important that you are familiar with the safety aspects of any building you are in but even more so for homes and other buildings frequently used by those living at AbSSLC.



Each egress map will include a "Your are here" star that helps orient you in the building and where the various items are.

Reporting ANE

The number to report ANE (Abuse/ Neglect & Exploitation) changed as of March 1st. **The new number to call is 1-800-458-9858.**

After regular business hours you will leave a message so it's critically important that you make the **Directors Call** (by dialing the Switchboard) first and then call the 1-800 number.

In addition, you can email issues related to ANE to ciicomplaints@hhs.texas.gov. It's also very important to still make the directors call, even if use the email.

Phone Repairs

All phone issues (doesn't work, needs to be moved, etc.)



must be submitted using the [AbSSLC Phone Repair Request](#) form found on the Share drive.

Please do not submit a ticket directly to Lumen (using the Remedy system) for phones – we will look at the issue first and then submit a ticket if needed.

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!



Shout Outs!

I'd like to give a shout-out to **Mark Burgess, Dottie Pacheco,** and **Shae Butts** for covering Chapel services for me while I was out having knee surgery. They were awesome for volunteering and did a great job blessing our residents and staff during the services. Thanks!

The **AbSSLC Grounds crew** is amazing! **David Payne** and his team – **Jesse, Matt, Felix, Patrick, Clint, Tomas,** and **Kevin.** They're always willing to help out when asked and they don't just "do the job." Instead, they consistently go above and beyond – and are always fun to hang out with. Keep up the great work, guys!

I want to give thanks to some people who rarely get thanked. We often forget what our **DSPs** go through. DSPs have to show different sides of themselves when working with the residents they serve. They are caring to the residents they serve even when it is thankless. More often than not they take the blame when something goes wrong, and hardly praised when they do right. I truly believe that our DSPs love and care for our campus and the residents they serve. We have to remember that the DSPs are people too. They experience the same emotions and feelings that we do. Going forward, I want to encourage everyone to be kinder, more forgiving, and be compassionate with our DSPs. There are times where things are hard but let us not forget why we are here and what we are here to do. Let's not tear each other apart and put blame on those that do the brunt of the work. Thank you to all our "DSPs". I say this as many other departments fill in as DSPs. I hope things get better. Love to all our residents and DSPs too. <3

Shout Out to **Terry the Painter** in Maintenance. He is the sweetest man. Painting the rooms, hallways and everything in between he does a fantastic job. I truly don't think he gets enough recognition for the job he completes.

Shout out to **Sarah Chavarria, Steven Roberts, Kayla Saucedo,** and the **Dyess Leadership Training group** that met with Dave Thomas (Senior writer, HHS Health and Specialty Care System). Be watching for a story from AbSSLC spotlighting them and the great Leadership Training they have spent so much time, effort, and energy putting together. They are all a HUGE blessing to AbSSLC every single day and we are SO thankful for them and the work they do!

We received the following note from a teacher at Cooper High School:

I wanted to reach out and tell you that there has been really great staff with the boys today; particularly **Logan & Breanni** that are so good with the guys.

Breanni is doing a fantastic job keeping one of the young men in the classroom and engaged, following the routines, and adhering to class rules.

Logan is consistently engaged and responsive to the boys, preventing behaviors before they happen and intervening as needed. His calm helps the boys regulate themselves. Also, **Alex** (the behavior guy) that comes in has been fantastic with getting the boys to stay for the rest of the day.

A Shout Out for the Amazing Teamworking during an especially hard day last Thursday involving one of the men served. This includes all the staff at 6400 Plum, **Lecrisha Govan** (BHS), **Freddy Mora** (BHA), **Behavior Coaches, RCCs, Pam Demone** (Psych), and **Rowdy** (TR). Also, we appreciate **Kristen Ellison & Amanda Liuzza** for coordinating additional supports. With the collaborative effort of all, the residents at the home were supported in the safest manner possible. An amazing team!



The HAB Department would like to celebrate our two Dietitian's Nicole Spalding and Tricia Reyes. We appreciate all they do for the individuals on our campus! AbSSLC has the BEST Dietitians!