



TEXAS  
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 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## AbSSLC Spring Formal

“Twilight”

April 11, 2024

3:00pm

AbSSLC Gymnasium

Plan to join in for an afternoon of fun!

## AbSSLC TB Clinic

April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> @ Nursing  
0600-1100 & 1300-1500

TB  
Clinic

## Maple Street Entrance

The new gate @ Maple & 1<sup>st</sup> Street is now operational. It will be closed (remotely) by the Gate Staff anytime a behavior is occurring in that area. Please be watching for the flashing lights that activate when the gate is closing or closed!

## Texas State Employee Union

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
8am-3pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner



Have you seen the  
AbSSLC Websites?

AbSSLC.org  
AbileneVSC.org

## Spring 2024 Semester

### TIER II LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE!

#### APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

#### WHO SHOULD APPLY:

The course seeks to reinforce leaders interested in increased levels of responsibility. Mid-level department personnel from all AbSSLC departments are encouraged to apply. **It is not a requirement to supervise staff in order to apply to Tier II Leadership Development.**

#### 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 meet over six (6) sessions on Tuesdays beginning April 30<sup>th</sup>. Final date is June 11<sup>th</sup>, with a few scheduled breaks.

Interested staff may apply via

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

Selected candidates will be notified by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Contact Steven Roberts with any questions at:

[steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov)

# See - Say - Act

# Shout Outs!

A Shout Out to **Marnnie Shaw**. I am grateful for her taking on 2 new homes - It has been a lot to transition. She has been a great help getting the rooms cleaned, getting the closets cleaned out, and whatever has been asked of her. She has also been really helping both homes during lunch, personal care, and anything that they need.

Shout out to Homes **6690, 6700** and **6710 Circle Drive!** For an ENTIRE month Active Treatment Observation sheets noted- all activity calendars were followed, staff were deployed to support continuous active treatment, and all the above! Thank you all for ensuring we provide meaningful activities to those we serve, keep up the great work!!

I want to give a Shout Out to **Amber Stanford**. I normally don't let anyone help me with any of my work. Since I got back from vacation and gaining the 2 homes, I have felt unstable due to the chaos. Me and chaos really don't get along. She calls me almost daily asking what can she do to help. I finally gave in and let her help me with some of my applicants. Her small gestures helped a lot, and her calling me & checking on me really gave me gratitude towards her. Amber is really a gem for the facility and the kindness that she showed towards me, I see it all the time from her with everyone.



(l to r) Jane Whalen & Hailey Shirley

Congratulations to Jane  
for receiving a  
Honorable Mention in the  
HSCS Emily Heart for Service  
Award!

## 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!