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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 May 27th, 2024

Happy Memorial Day!

HSCS Stay Survey

The annual (for all employee) HSCS Stay Survey ends on Friday, May 31st @ midnight. If you have not completed one this year, please take a few moments to do so!



All responses are anonymous. For questions, please contact Amber Stanford, AbSSLC Recruiting and Retention Officer.

Tier I Leadership Development

Tier I Leadership participant nominations are upon us once again. We will be taking nominations/applications through 06/03/2024 @ 17:00. Please submit a new nomination/application for those that were unable to attend the previous classes.

Please think of staff that you may want to nominate or encourage them to send in an email nominating themselves. This Tier is for those that want to be leaders as well as those new leaders/supervisors. Nominations will be accepted through June 3rd.

It's easy to apply – you or someone else!

- Think of your employees (or yourself) and **send an email** to Barbara Marrow-Hale, Kayla Saucedo, Sarah Chavarria, Candice Moore, David Daniel and Jeff Goza. This email should contain the name of the employee nominated, EID, and reasons for the nomination:
- Why you think the person (or yourself) would benefit from this training
- What are the characteristics/behaviors of a good leader

Understand that not everyone will be selected for this class but don't get discouraged - we will be having more.

The classes will start at 08:00 with some ending at 15:00 but most ending at 17:00. We will keep with the schedule of once-a-week class on Wednesday with one Thursday due to a holiday. There will be outside class work to do.



AbSSLC Security Officer, Jon Barbian, stopped by Ricky's home to help him hang his flag.

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!



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.

Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Angela Pullin** from 6350 1st Street for being an awesome supervisor. The 10-6 staff really appreciates all she does to help with staffing coverage. She quickly responds and steps up. Many hands make light work. God bless!

Shout Out to **Cindy Bowman** and **Ashley Marrow** - both hung out over at Recreation last night until we knew that everything was going to be okay for an individual's "official" graduation. We had an alternate "mini-ceremony" planned at the last minute for him in case he couldn't participate in the real event (the rehearsal was a little overwhelming for him). I just wanted to say thank you to both of them for helping us with a "Plan B" in case we needed it (and thankfully, we didn't).

Shout Out to the **Recreation Team** - We see you every day/evening out and about on campus, going here, going there, running around making things happen across campus to make everyone smile and have a good day. You are always a bright light to them, and we just want you to know how much we appreciate you and all you do across campus every single day!

I wanted to give a HUGE thank you to the **IDTs and Home Staff** at **6690 & 6740 Circle Drive**. One of the DOJ monitors attended an ISP Prep and an ISP for these homes. The feedback received was excellent and very complimentary. The care and thought that was put in by each IDT member and staff was seen by the monitor. Each team was open to feedback given, addressed concerns and were very knowledgeable with the ins & outs for the individual. Staff ensured that the individuals came to their meetings, that they were well dressed, and that they had any items that would aid in them participating within their meetings. This is such a tremendous thing to see happen and be recognized by DOJ for all the effort and hard work.

Shout Out to DSPs **Grace** and **Pascaline** were observed doing active treatment and Skill Acquisition Training with the individuals at 5972 Service Ave by our monitors this week. The monitors noted that you could really see how much both ladies cared about all the individuals as they were very patient and sweet when interacting with them. It was also noted that Grace and Pascaline make a great team working together. Thank you both for all of the hard work and love you put in to the work that you do for the individuals that we serve!!

I want to send a shout out to **Ryan Lineweaver** and **Joey Villarreal** for jumping in with me this week to deliver evening meals for Food service. I got a call from kitchen needing help at the critical last minute with meal delivery and I asked Ryan and Joey to step in and helped. They automatically said yes without hesitation. With all three of us working together we got the campus done in under 30 minutes. I appreciate their willingness to go above and beyond no matter what.

Shout out to **6350 1st Street DSP staff** all 3 shifts. This is the best home. All who live and work here are real blessings.

Shout Out to the **Vocational Services Crew** for the celebration AND for all they're doing every day to help prepare the people we serve for their future! Way to go y'all! Keep up the great work!

Big Shout out to **Activity Centers** for the Picket Painting Day! They have hosted several days to paint the pickets with your favorite book on it. They make everyone look like artist!! Have you seen that library? Love watching the individuals go in to select their book, DVD, or CD! It is with great thought they find what they want. Great job Activity Centers!

Shout out to **Vocational Services**! It was a great Graduation Ceremony for two individuals that completed 16 weeks of classes learning job skills and participated in on-the-job training. The Graduation Ceremony was awesome! Thanks to **Cameron Thornton, Phyllis Grub**, and their creative **Vocational Services staff** for creating such a wonderful ceremony for the two graduates. It honored the work of the two individuals and many Vocational staff. Thank you so much for all of the work you do!!

Thank YOU to **Tara** and **Shanna** (and sometimes, **Jeff G.**) for always being willing to send our emails out to campus (since we don't have those special powers/privileges 😊) no matter how often or what time it is! 😊 We appreciate YOU gals!!



We are SO proud of the FIRST 2 people that have completed the FIRST Vocational Educational Class (VEC). They have worked so hard the past 4 months to complete the classes, on the job training, and applied for off campus jobs. They were recognized, for their accomplishments, during a graduation ceremony yesterday! Congrats to the program graduates!

Also, very special thank you to the dedicated AbSSLC Vocational Staff for helping them accomplish their goals. Staff will continue to be by their side on their next adventure! Way to go y'all!