



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 July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

2024 AbSSLC Music Festival Fundraiser

## Tunes of Toons!

Purchase a t-shirt to help participants make their way to the Music Festival in San Marcos!

**ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE July 31<sup>st</sup> by 5PM**

(we expect shirts to be ready for pick up in August)

**Dark Blue Short-Sleeve T-shirt \$25**

(Size: Gildan Brand Small- 4X)

Logo below will be centered on front of t-shirt

Black logo on dark blue t-shirt.



To order yours you can contact Laura at x3641  
or Dottie at x3239

## They Did It!

Congratulations to our **Spring 2024 Tier II Leadership Course Graduates!** On June 25<sup>th</sup>, staff gathered to honor graduates from Program Operations, Facilities, and a visiting student from Dyess AFB. Graduates were awarded a certificate for completion of a 6-week course, and we are grateful for their contribution to our campus team spirit.



(l to r-front) Brandy DeLaCruz, Lisa Dugan, Sophia Harper, Tiffini Hickman, Penny Newton (l to r-back) Annmarie Crosdale, Jeff Channel, Leigh Ann Tucker, Martha Ruelas



During the ceremony, the Leadership Development Committee also awarded a Certificate of Gratitude to Celeste Grascel for her commitment and diligence in supporting the efforts of the Tier Leadership courses. Thank you Celeste! Pictured are the LDP Committee members with Celeste Grascel.

## See – Say – Do

### 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!



### Reporting ANE

Remember you must call the Director/ Designee (Dial "0") **and** the CII Reporting number (1-800-458-9858) to report all ANE related incidents.

# Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Mike Rodriguez** (Behavior Coach). He did a really great job today with one of the new admissions at the young men's home. He spoke to him in Spanish and seemed to have good rapport with him, and he continually tried to show staff how to block and redirect and a way to hold hands with the individual where they could also be ready to block should they need to. He was patient when we trialed some things, and he was gentle with all of the boys he interacted with while he was over there. He provided information to us in a professional way, and he was quick to intervene when staff needed help. You could tell that everyone at 5961 Walnut appreciated his presence, guidance, and kindness.

I have to give a HUGH SHOUT OUT TO **ANITA WALKE** – the Home Clerk at 6380 7<sup>th</sup> Street! She goes above and beyond her job. She helps get the guys on the home off to work, she pushes them out to the bus and helps them get on. And she never complains! She's always talking to the individuals on the home with a great attitude. Thank Anita! You are the BEST!

Shout Out to **Ashlee Sandoval, RN**. She is an asset to 5961 & 5962 Walnut and 6400 Plum. She goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is very good with our younger guys and helps on the homes as much as she can. Thank you, Ashlee!

Shout Out to **Emily Sterpka** and **Kendrick Swanigan** for their work with young men at 5962 Walnut. They dedicate themselves to ensuring the needs are met. Their genuine concern for each individual is evident, reflecting their earnest desire for the young men to thrive. The tangible results of their efforts are evident in the positive changes witnessed.

Shout Out to **Teresa Strand** in Recreation. She has assisted the Infirmary with getting an Individual to an appointment as well as other issues with this resident throughout the week. Thanks Teresa you are appreciated very much!



## 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!

# AbSSLC at the Texas Special Olympics!

