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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 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Saving Time

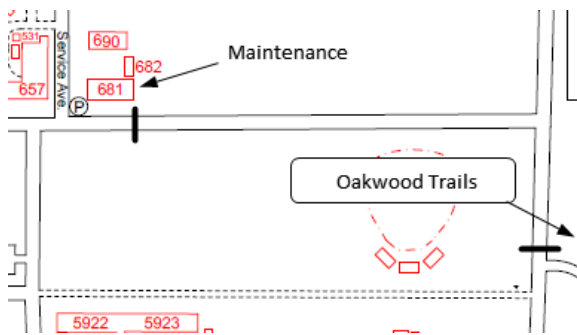
Depending on your job classification, your FLSA/Comp time will be “paid out” at certain times. While this is good for spending on fun things such as food, gas and kids, there may be times when you need to “save your time” for an upcoming surgery, trip, etc.

State Office requires “saving time” to be approved locally by Linda and then routed to the Associate Commissioner, Laura Cazabon-Braley for approval. Once approved, it is submitted to our Time Administrators so they know not to include you on the monthly payout.

To request saving your time, please ask your immediate supervisor to send your **name, EID, brief description of why you are saving the time and how long you wish to save time for** (in months) to Linda Hinshaw & Jeff Goza. The request will be reviewed and then your supervisor notified of the decision.

## Changes to Campus Roads

As part of our on-going changes to help protect those that live here, Maintenance is adding fencing to the back section of campus. This will basically isolate the outside storage areas but also close access on South 24<sup>th</sup> & Lakeside. To get to OWT, you will enter OWT Drive from Lakeside on the south:



You will not be able to go past Maintenance (on 24<sup>th</sup>) or past OWT Drive (on Lakeside). This is a permanent change.

## Required Training

The various trainings (both in-person & iLearn) we are required to do is getting lots of attention from State Office and others. The requirement that everyone be **100%** up to date will be watched closely with actions taken to ensure it’s done.

We are now moving to a 11-month cycle – basically everyone will be required to be one month ahead in training. This means all August training is due in July, September is due in August, etc.

## Upcoming Parking Lot Construction

Bontke Brothers Construction is **scheduled** to start the parking lot to the west of B646 & B647 (the Lone Star Coffee & Tea House) on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. This will close the parking (and driveway from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) for 3-4 weeks. More details coming soon!

Have you tried a **Mobile Order** with the (World Famous) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner? Download the app from your favorite App store or place your order here:

[5th Street Diner - Abilene SSLC - Abilene, Texas | Online Ordering | Clover](#)



# Shout Outs!

THANK YOU, to **Edward** from Building Systems for coming to the rescue anytime anything beeps, doesn't work, or goes wrong! YOU'RE great and I/we (and AbSSLC) are so thankful for you and all you do for us (up on the hill) and all over campus! YOU (and **Betcher**, too 🤝) ROCK! - THANK YOU!

I just wanted to Shout Out to **6720 & 6730 Circle Drive staff**. I am very impressed with their participation and trying to get things worked out within the home for the Individuals they serve. I know times have been rough with staff steadily changing in the homes, but just want them to know I am appreciative of them coming to work and trying to make a difference. The individuals who live at both homes are encouraged to participate in activities and ADLs throughout their day. The homes look nice, and I am thankful for all the work the staff are doing and going to do moving forward. The **home supervisor** is doing a great job as well

I wanted to give a shout to **Isabella Martinez** at 6690 Circle Drive. During a behavior in the Work Centers, Isabella quickly grabbed a blocking pad, safeguarded her 1-1 individual, and assisted our trainers with removing other individuals from the building without hesitation. We appreciate her assistance and willingness to protect the individuals while maintaining the needed LOS.

Shout Out to **Norma Rivera**, the Housekeeper at 6350 1<sup>st</sup> Street. She is an awesome and hard-working housekeeper. Our home is always clean, smells good, & she is always willing to go above her job duties if needed. She is very friendly and approachable and has great report with staff and the ladies that live at the home.

I'd like to give a shout out to **Alfonzo Calderon**. He is the Housekeeper at 6330 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and he does an incredible job. He is extremely hard working, very kind and respectful, and overall, a very nice guy. Alfonzo is greatly appreciated for the work that he does. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you from all of us at the home!

SHOUT OUT for **Lisa Holder** at 5961 Walnut. She is AMAZING with a young man who recently moved to the home! Her hard work and dedication definitely shows, and makes a genuine difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.

Shout Out! Our **Housekeepers** on campus are greatly appreciated. We don't always do the greatest job at telling them thank you for their work. DSPs are often the ones that are said to not get enough appreciation, but it is also our **Support Services** employees that get overlooked. They make up a huge part of our facility and don't always get the credit or recognition that they deserve. So please give **Housekeeping, Food Service, Maintenance, Laundry** and everyone in between – and a huge thank you from me!

I want to give a BIG Shout Out to **Vickie Irish**! She works so hard making the Mega Building sparkle! We all appreciate her so much!

I would like to give a grateful SHOUT OUT to **Ashli Lowe** from 6521 Peach and **Robin Tacker** who works at the Infirmary for helping locate an individual's bathing ear plugs and bathing headband for me. The individual has been in and out of the hospital and then back to Infirmary, so I am very thankful that his bathing ear plugs, and bathing headband are still available for him to use while at the Infirmary. It really does take a village!

Shout out to **Shari Olmedo** at 6760 Circle Dr.. She knows the ins and outs of the ladies at the home and she does a great job communicating with the rest of the IDT about anything that needs to be addressed. She is a valuable asset to the team and this campus!

The Questionable Q's and Bad Hab-its as they are the Co-Champions of the recent Kickball Tournament.



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