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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 February 2nd, 2026

Employee of the Month!

The employee of the month for February 2026 is ...

Terry Moore

Unit 3

Stay tuned to next week's newsletter to learn more about Terry and the work she does for those that live & work at AbSSLC.

Congratulations Terry!

Pesky Pest Problems?

If your home/department is having pest issues (this could be any variety of things, including our 4-legged friends), please ensure a [Pest Control Request](#) is submitted to Maintenance. This form is used to let our contracted pest control company know where the problems and where special attention is needed.

Parking Reminder

Private (personal) vehicles must park in designated parking areas – they cannot be parked along the curb line by any of our buildings. State vehicles are allowed to park on the street as needed.

March 2026 Employee of the Month

Nominate that special co-worker for the March 2026 Employee of the month! **Click the box!**



Ice Road Truckers – AbSSLC!

While not quite the same as driving the icy roads of Alaska, staff with AbSSLC Transportation & Recreation did an amazing version of it last week!



This group worked around the clock to get staff to & from the campus during the Snow/Ice/Sleet storms of January 2026. This made a huge difference in ensuring that staff were here to take care of those we serve.

Alberto Landeros	Justin Rivera	Bill Barlow
David Brown	John Clark	Alex Esobar Jr
Lori Hadley	Cliff Hooker	Will Jordan
Roberto Lomas	Ruben Medrano	Blake O'Donald
James Prescott	Eric Underwood	Jeffrey (Tobe) Shields

Thank you to each of them for their work!

Fire Alarm Reset

When the fire alarm sounds, the most important thing is to ensure it's not a real fire. Once you have verified it's a false alarm, you can press the "Acknowledge" & then "Silence" buttons on the fire alarm panel to silence the alarm at the home/building.



Once the fire alarm device has been reset (most of the time for false alarms it's a pull station), you can press the "Reset" button. **Always call the Operator immediately to let them know why the alarm sounded – 911 starts their response immediately.**

If the system stays in "Alarm" (ie: doesn't reset) the HVAC for the building will be off. This is an unhappy thing when it's hot or cold!

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Shout Outs!

Good evening, wanted to give one of your staff a big shoutout. About 4:30pm CC and the staff that were with him, were walking down Service Ave. CC will walk/run anywhere he can (middle of the road, running across streets without looking, etc.) The home staff that was with him was doing an amazing job. He was getting CC to walk/run along the sidewalk and not in the middle of the road. Just wanted you to know. 😊

Shout out to **Alex Quillin** for consistently working overtime to help his home. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed and we all appreciate you for it.

Shout out to **all the staff** that had to slip and slide to get to work this weekend!! The **transportation** workers that came in to help get the staff to work!! Great job to all of us and thank you for your dedication.

I would like to shout out **Reginae Johnson** at 5972 Service Ave. for her incredible work ethic and attitude this weekend during the storm. She not only worked her shift & POT shifts but also came in on her days off. She did every bit without complaint. Reginae, you did a great job!

Shout Out to Chaplain Mike for the 2026 Memorial Video! You are always so awesome sharing thoughts and photos of the folks we serve! I love seeing them smile! Thank you for being you. Your love for Christ shows not only to the folks we serve but to the employees. Our campus is blessed beyond measure to have you and your beautiful wife.

❄️ Shout-Out to **Our Incredible DSP, Nurses, Food Service, Maintenance, Transportation & Housekeeping** staff (and apologies to anyone missed) who braved the ice, the cold, and the chaos to show up — thank you. Your dedication didn't just keep things running; it kept people safe, supported, and cared for when it mattered most. While the world froze over, you showed up with warmth, courage, and commitment. That kind of heart can't be taught — it's who you are. We see you. We appreciate you. And we're grateful beyond words for everything you do. ❄️

Shout out to all the **ladies and gentlemen working at the gate** to keep our campus secure no matter what the weather is doing. They are always friendly and attentive. Thank you!!

Shout out to all the **grounds, security, maintenance, and transportation** for all they are doing during this weather event to help keep us safe and get people to and from work! And of course, shout out also to **all the staff** who showed up throughout the event to care for the people we serve!

Shout out to **Eric Underwood** for a show of kindness. Thanks for going above and beyond to help out a fellow co worker. It did not go unnoticed and was very much appreciated.



Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Fire Alarm Pull Stations and Panels must be accessible at all times!

Shout Out Abilene!

We want to hear from you! Have a **suggestion** on how to make Abilene SSLC the best place ever to live & work? Have a **concern** to express? Want to **recognize someone** for their amazing work? **Shout Out and let us know!**



You can also **email** your Shout Out to jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov or **text** it to 325.370.4525!