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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 9th, 2026

March 2026 Employee of the Month

Nominate that special person for the March 2026 Employee of the Month! **Click the button!**



LEADERSHIP ASPIRATION COURSE

Spring 2026 Semester

(formerly Tier II Leadership Development)



APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

Monday, February 9th thru Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

The course seeks to reinforce leaders interested in increased levels of responsibility. Graduates of Leadership Foundation (formerly Tier I) and 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 the course.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT:

Leadership Aspiration consists of assigned readings, assessments, team activities, classroom sessions, and presentations. The course is designed to enhance your leadership skills to further prepare you for increasingly responsible roles at AbSSLC or other state positions. 20+ instructors help us to help you succeed.

WHEN:

The Leadership Aspiration course will meet over five (5) sessions beginning Wednesday, March 4th. Remaining sessions held on Tuesdays, with scheduled breaks.

Interested staff may apply @

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

Selected candidates will be notified by February 25, 2026

Contact Steven Roberts with any questions at:

steven.roberts@hhs.texas.gov

February 2026 Employee of the Year

Terry Moore – Home Supervisor, 5961 Walnut



Tell us about your time with AbSSLC. When did you start? What positions have you held since being here?

I started working at AbSSLC in 2017 at home 5971 Service Avenue as a DSP I. I was promoted to DSP II, then served as an HAS and Job coach for Unit 3. I became the home supervisor at 6500 Plum in 2020.

What makes you do what you do?

Watching the boys grow and being a part of their personal accomplishments. My staff! I have some of the most incredible staff! They have all worked extremely hard to create a positive environment for the boys.

Tell us about your favorite memory in your time at AbSSLC?

One of my fondest memories from AbSSLC is the family day picnics.

What recommendations do you have for other staff?

Take the time to communicate and get to know everyone that we serve.

If you have a magic wand, what is something you would change about AbSSLC to make it better for those we serve?

I would open more places in the community that would be AbSSLC-friendly. Additionally, both boys' homes would receive new 16-passenger vans.

If you have had a mentor at AbSSLC, can you name that person and something they instilled in you?

Lisa Medina was a job coach when I started. She always encouraged me and was always willing to teach. Janice Guardiola and James Mora, for teaching me how to become a strong supervisor (and Janice's "tough love"). James Mora and Kim Rankin believed in me when I moved to the boys' home.

Please remember to **dim your car lights** (use parking lights only) when approaching the gate after hours!

Take pride in what you do everyday
You make the difference for those that live at AbSSLC!

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to the **(World Famous) 5th Street Diner Crew**. They received a 99 on their recent Health Department inspection. This is a very impressive (and tough to obtain) score!

I would like to nominate **Trevor Reese** (HAB) for shoveling ice in the doorways of the building! He also assisted staff in getting in the building to ensure they got in safely! He is always ready to help in any way he can!

I wanted to give a Big Shout Out to **Yvonia** and **Cammie** for helping get 6510 Nursing Closets organized and cleaned out and helping with organizing the supplies. Answering the questions that the 6510 nurses came to me about supplies and I knew I could count on Yvonia to help me! These ladies went above and beyond to help our nursing staff be able to go right to what they need when they need it and if it's not here they will get it to us very quickly! Thank you again for going ABOVE and BEYOND!! TEAM Work!!

I want to give a shout out to **April** from 6380 7th Street. She works hard and makes sure the individuals have what they need going to activities. You are appreciated!

I want to give **Heather Woodward** a shout out at 5961 Walnut. Every time I go over there to monitor or do anything, she's always helping anyway she can and doing something with the young men. She lets them help her do paperwork or help her set up the kitchen. She's teaching them how to be independent by letting them help stock things or hang up clothes. She's just an all-around great employee.

Thank you to **JT Gulick** (Maintenance) for taking care of the dental service - great job installing and supporting the piping on our new suction machine. We would be closed if not for you. Thank you!



Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Portable fire extinguishers are in-place, not obstructed, in correct location and at correct height, and have current monthly inspection completed on sticker.

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!