



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 April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Street Gate, Warning Lights & You

When entering/exiting campus, you should make it a practice to look at the **warning lights** on the fence. These lights indicate the gate is closing/closed and you should **not** try to enter or exit. If you pass through the sensor while the gate is closing, the gate will automatically reverse and cannot close. This very likely puts the Individuals at significant risk!



## Campus Visitors

Remember that notice must be given for Campus Visitors to allow them access through the gate.

If you have a visitor coming to campus (someone without an employee badge or one assigned various groups who frequently visit) you must notify **Jimmy Betcher & Kim Florez** by email of who is visiting along with the date/time expected.

## Charge!

New positions are coming soon – the **DSP IV Charge!** This position (one per home, per shift) will assist the Home Supervisor and be in charge of the shift when on duty.



Many will remember that in the past this position was the DSP III Lead Position. When changes were made (and we moved many of the DSP IIs to DSP IIIs) this position was lost. The need for a Lead was still there but there wasn't a position for it.

Based on the current schedule, the new positions will be advertised in May and – *hopefully* – in place June 1. This is not adding additional staff to work at the home but instead recognizing the extra work needed. **Stay tuned for details!**

AbSSLC  
*Spring*  
**PROVIDER FAIR**

FRIDAY | **17** | 1PM-5PM  
2026

LONE STAR COFFEE & TEA HOUSE

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
ABILENE STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER INVITES YOU TO OUR SPRING PROVIDER FAIR. JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CONNECTING WITH AGENCIES AND EXPLORING COMMUNITY SERVICES.

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**  
DISCOVER SERVICES: LEARN ABOUT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.  
CONNECT WITH PROVIDERS: MEET AGENCIES OFFERING SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES: FIND RESOURCES TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE.

## 2026 TB Test Clinic

The 2026 TB Clinic will be held on **Monday (4/13) & Tuesday (4/14)** from **0600-1130 / 1300-1500** each day. The clinic will be held @ the Lone Star Café.

Spring  
Benefit  
Golf  
Scramble!



Register  
Now!

**Date: 5/15/26**

**4-man Scramble**

**\$400 per Team of 4**

**(\$100 for current AbSSLC Employees)**

*Registration closes: 4/14/2026*

*Maxwell Golf Course*

Click [here](#) to register!

## AllOneHealth Employee Assistance Program

The AllOneHealth Employee Assistance Program (EAP) gives free 24-7 support in a number of areas.

You can reach them using the following methods:

Phone: **866-993-7650**

Email: [eap-do@allonehealth.com](mailto:eap-do@allonehealth.com)

Website:

<https://allonehealthdo.mylifeexpert.com/>

## Glenda's 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Open Wednesday from 9:30am-2:30pm

**Name Badges must be worn (and visible) at all times while on campus**



**Use the  
Clover!**

Are you taking advantage of the **Clover App** to place your order at the (**World Famous**) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner & Lone Star Café?

Using the app (available for iPhone and Android) allows you to place your order from anywhere – and pay for it – and then go to pick it up. This saves you time by not waiting in a long line to order!



# Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **DSPs** at **6350 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 10-6 shift!** Night in and night out, you show up, put in the effort, and handle whatever comes your way with strength and professionalism. You all care and get your job done right. Thank you!

I've been around for a hot minute and take for granted that "stuff" is just supposed to work when you come in to work. BUT, this week (and 2-3 weeks ago), I realize when it doesn't work not only is it frustrating and a HUGE inconvenience 😊 BUT it also takes a lot of sweat drops & steps from people typically in the "back ground" to get everything working again (\*hopeful 😊) AND keep it working! 🙏 Building Systems (**Betcher, Edward, Debbie**) & IT (**Brian**) work together (while hearing me whine) to work the puzzle to get the issues resolved! Thank you to everyone who had a hand (and still working) on getting 501 put back together again (just like like humpty dumpty with all the kings horses and all the kings men 😊). THANK YOU!

Shout Out to **Charissa Hyde** for seeing a situation and immediately reacting and getting involved to protect the people we serve. She didn't hesitate for which I commend her. I appreciate Mrs. Hyde's devotion to the people we serve. Thank you, Mrs. Hyde for your performance! Good job!! 🙌🙌🙌

# Abilene Makes the Friday Photos!

## ABILENE SSLC



The Habilitation Therapies Department recently celebrated Registered Dietitians Nicole Spalding, left, and Tricia Reyes with a brunch.



## Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

No storage on top of shelving within 18 vertical inches of the level of the sprinkler heads (if room is equipped with sprinklers) - **This is especially critical in closets.**

# 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!**



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You can also email your Shout Out to [jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov) or text it to 325.370.4525!