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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 May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

AbSSLC Town Hall Meeting  
Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – AbSSLC Chapel  
530am / 630am / 130pm / 230pm



## Coming to Work ... and on time

**Question:** I arrived at the gate at 0759am and my office at 0805am but my supervisor said I was late. How is this true if I was on campus before 8am? I'm not late until after 0807, correct?

**Answer:** There is "late" and there is "chargeable late". You are required to be at your workstation (home/department/desk) at your required start time – in this case, 8am. Being at the gate, the (*World Famous*) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner, Lone Star Café, or just driving to your office doesn't count. The requirement is to be at your workstation.

The "after 0807" refers to when you are charged time in CAPPS. Arriving at 0805 is **late** but you are not charged time for this - your supervisor will address your late arrival, however.

The "Gate made me late" is something we hear frequently. The gate is busy at shift change – this is well known and should be anticipated. Just like traffic in town, busier times of the day are going to result in it taking more time to get somewhere. And speeding once you leave the gate isn't going to help.

## Cleaning Products

It's important to know that **only** chemicals or cleaners purchased by the State can be used on campus. At no time, can you bring items from home or that you purchase yourself.



The chemicals we use on campus have been approved for use and are ones that have Safety Data Sheets available.

## On-Campus Electric Work

Kingdom Electric, along with AEP will performing much needed electric system updates on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the Gym this week. It is scheduled to last 5 full days but may finish early. **5<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed during this time – please avoid the area!**

While the work is being done, Risk Management & Placement will relocate to 6460 1<sup>st</sup> Street but sadly, the (*World Famous*) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner will be closed.



We are looking for **amazingly talented staff** to paint murals at various places on campus. We supply the materials and the spot, you supply the talent! Please contact Jeff at x3225 or reply to this text if interested. Sign your work and be famous!

## Adventure Cove is back!

6/29, 6/30 & 7/1

## Food Truck Friday!

Dragon Soul & the Nobilitea Tea Trailer will be with us on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1130am-130pm. They will be located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, east of the Chapel.



# Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Alberto** and **James** in Transportation for always being so nice and helpful. Thank you

Big shout out to the **6730 Circle Drive staff** and **Melissa Mcduffee!** The guys had a blast and they had everyone looking great!

**Carl Lawrence** and **Ken Duncan** came today to install the AC unit today at the RN office at 6730 Circle Drive. I wanted to Shout Out to the guys - they took their time to clean the window seal well and sealed around the unit really good after it was installed. They did a great job!

A huge Shout Out to **everyone** involved in this year's Forma! Although the dance itself may last a couple of hours, the many (many) hours that are spent "behind the scenes" getting everything ready is what makes it such a huge success. **Recreation** did a truly amazing job in transforming an ordinary gym into a magical place. **So many** are involved in making the dance happen that it's impossible to name them all, but please know the difference it made for those who live here!

## Vote for the June 2026 Employee of the Month!

- Adam Berry (Unit 3)
- Camile Anderson (Unit 1)
- Dottie Pacheco (Activity Centers)
- Sarah Alexander (Nursing)
- Tab Jenkins (Maintenance)



### ABILENE SSLC



During Public Service Recognition Week employees got in the spirit for a "Star Wars" theme day. Pictured from left are David Langford, Shanna Bell, Charissa Hyde, Amy Gleaton, David Daniel, Melissa Castillo, Annie Chavez and Ted Wagner.



### Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Butt cans are at designated smoking areas for the Individuals - they are locked and secured to the ground/wall

# 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](mailto:jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov) or **text** it to 325.370.4525!