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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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## June 2026 Employee of the Month Adam Berry – Unit 3

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



I started 02/13/23 in the giant class of 70 people. I originally got hired in Recreation then went to home staff at 6400 Plum before becoming the HAS for UNIT 3.

**What makes you do what you do?**

I like being the gateway for residents to have freedom and go about the community.

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

My favorite memory was when I was in recreation we did a karaoke dance. I got to DJ it and got residents to sing. One of the guys sang Country Roads.

**What recommendations do you have for other staff?**

Treat every resident like a person and a friend. Many people forget that they are people and treat them a different way. If you show them love they will show it back.

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

I would make it easier for residents to get off campus so they can have more fulfilling lives.

**Any other comments to include your story?**

When I got hired, I had no clue what this place was or what I was signing up for. I was just some guy off the street. I'm happy I saw the ad online and that I got hired. I didn't realize I had it in me to influence so many people in a positive way.

## Food Truck Friday!

La Aguila Food Truck  
Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
1130am-130pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street (east of chapel)



## Time To Celebrate Our Combined Success!

**Who?**

**ALL Staff**

**When?**

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Where?**

**AbSSLC Gymnasium**

**Why?**

**To celebrate exiting the DOJ Settlement Agreement!**

Join your campus family as we celebrate the combined success of each and every one of you in reaching the exit of the DOJ Settlement Agreement! We'll celebrate with music, games, department trophies and be part of a State-wide Livestream event. Get ready to have fun!

**See Something, Say Something,  
Do Something**

# Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Carlos** (Security). During an emergency situation last week, Carlos climbed into the van and was able to protect an individual from harm while the individual was actively having seizures and was very hard to physically manage. TR appreciates Carlos and would like to extend our gratitude for his assistance with this unusual situation. We are very fortunate to have fine people like Carlos on this campus.

Shout Out to **Marcela Hernandez** (Sewing Room). She goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is a wonderful seamstress and is always able to make alterations needed for the individuals. Getting ready for the dance every year she goes above and beyond to see that everyone has what they need - something ironed, something altered or something tagged with a name in such a short time. She has such a beautiful spirit. She works behind the scenes so she may never be noticed for all the hard work she does. Great Job Marcela!



Nominations will close at midnight on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Click the picture to vote!



## 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!