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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 15th, 2026



It's important to check **now** that you
can access your ERS Account on-line!

Heat Precautions

Summer is here and it brought the high temperature days with it!
Here are some important tips in keeping everyone safe:

- Limit outdoor activity, especially midday when the sun is hottest.
- Be sure all vehicles are cool and have properly working air conditioning. If the air conditioning is not working properly, report it to Motor Pool.
- Sunscreen should be worn and reapplied as indicated on the package.
- Pace activities. Start activities slow and pick up the pace gradually.
- Drink more water than usual and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more. Encourage Individuals to do the same thing. Muscle cramping may be an early sign of heat-related illness.
- You and the Individuals should wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- If you or an Individual need to cool down, cool showers or baths are helpful.
- **Never leave anyone in a vehicle unsupervised.**

2026 Music Festival - Back to the 80's

Orders & Payment Due by July 16th.

(we expect shirts to be ready for pick up by the end of July)

Navy short sleeve t-shirt/Gildan-Heavy

Cotton \$25.00 (sizes Small – 5X)

Please contact Dottie Pacheco (592

Activity Center) to purchase yours!



Adventure Cove 2026

6/29, 6/30, 7/1 - 7:30p-9:30p

Stay tuned for details on how to
get your free tickets!

No parking

Parking behind our various buildings (the service dock
areas) is for State Vehicles only. Personal vehicles must be
parked in the regular lots. Behind-the-building parking is used
for Maintenance, deliveries, etc.



If you call 911 for an emergency,
please also immediately dial
#4444 to activate the campus
response team.



A DOJ No More Bash Shout Out!

Shout Out and Thank You to many across the departments that helped make the **DOJ No More Bash** on June 9th a true celebration of shared success. It is fitting that so many staff raised their hands to help, as it took 16 years of working side by side to accomplish the exit from DOJ. Thank you **Director Hinshaw, David Daniel, Jeff Goza**, our **Rec Team**, the **Activity Centers, DJ Joey, Volunteer Services, Hab Team**, scores of **gate gift volunteers** and **food & drink volunteers** at the event, **Tracyl Gandee & Chaplain Mike** and those kind folks who helped break down the event. Thank you all!



Shout Outs!

I would like to give a huge AbSSLC shout out to **Jamie** at the 6340 Activity Center for her super quick request to have lighting restored on the back dock! And for **Maintenance** to follow through the very same day. By doing this we can assure the safety and security to those we serve as well as the staff. Thank you all!



Click the picture to cast your Vote!

July 2026 Nominees:

- Angela Pullin (Unit 4)
- Bryan Sartor (Motor Pool)
- Jesse Banayat (Unit 1)
- Dr. Jin Cheng (Medical)
- Sherry Shoopman (QA)

I want to take a moment to publicly recognize and thank our **Maintenance Department** for everything they do behind the scenes. Whether they are responding to urgent requests, doing early morning facility checks, or fixing unexpected breakdowns at a moment's notice, this team handles it all with incredible speed and a positive attitude. We often take a smoothly running building for granted, but it only happens because of their tireless hard work.

Administration: Kenny Dry, Doug King, Penny Newton, Tami Solis, Tammy Duncan, Carpentry/Paint & Key: Michael Roberts, Terry Green, Todd Flint, Ladd Faries, Kerry Crane, Phillip Hall, Keith Wakefield, Kenny Wilson, Electrical: David Wilson, Tab Jenkins, Wayne Sims, Facility Inspection Team: Jesse Pedroza, Ronny Ramsey, Terry Bloom, Patrick Roach, HVAC: Kevin Adams, Carl Lawrence, Kenneth Duncan, Laundry Mechanic: Kevin Lassiter, Machine: Roy Morgan, Jordan Tarafa, Jon Goulet, Plumbing: Jeff Channell, Joseph Hart, David Adams, Justin Arnold, Property Management: Keri Roda, Security: Carlos Fuentes, Jerry Johnson, Kaley Ainsworth, Katherin Hibbard, Michael Davis, Water Protection Testing: JT Gulick, Welding: Thomas Deluna, Joe Guajardo, Buddy Lindsey, Golf Cart/Grounds: Dave Payne, Jesse Scheets, Tomas Paulino, Mathew Arsiaga, Lance Swinney, Cody Clark, Daniel Soliz.

Please join me in thanking the heroes of our daily operations!

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!