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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 June 22nd, 2026



Thanks to the generosity of the Volunteer Services Council (VSC)
(You can choose 1 of 3 nights to attend)!

Monday, June 29th 7:30-9:30pm or

Tuesday, June 30th 7:30-9:30pm or

Wednesday, July 1st 7:30-9:30pm

How to get a ticket? FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

6/22 & 6/23; 9a-4:30p - DSPs, LVNs, Laundry, Housekeeping, Food Service ONLY

6/24, 6/25, & 6/26; 9a-4:30p - All AbSSLC staff *office will be closed 6/26 9a-12p

COME to bldg. #501~ Community Relations (Volunteer Services) side facing FCTD. Bring your badge! *call before you come to make sure someone is in the office 3547 or 3386!

***NIGHTSHIFT ONLY** ~ call or email with your name, title, night you wish to attend, and # of tickets needed. We will arrange to leave your tickets at switchboard. Call-ext. 3386, 3547 email: shae.butts@hhs.texas.gov or Amanda.espinoza@hhs.texas.gov

Important info

4 tickets MAX per employee (*if you only need 2 tickets please only get 2 tickets)!

1 ticket per "body" will be required for entry into the Cove, even if not swimming

Even if YOU are working, your family can attend. They just need their tickets to enter the gate!

First Come First Serve (limited to 500 people for each night). YOU must COME get your OWN tickets

***10-6/night shift we WILL arrange to get your tickets to you but need you to contact us with your info!

Tickets can only be used for the night they are given. DO NOT CALL ADVENTURE COVE FOR INFO/TICKETS

*No extra tickets can be given or "purchased"

What To Do AFTER you have a ticket

DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKETS!

Come to Adventure Cove with your tickets: 2742 S 9th St, Abilene, TX 79605 (Near Rose Park)

7:30pm-9:30pm on the night for which you got your tickets (6/29 or 6/30 or 7/1)

Register (STAFF only) for a door prize (Thanks to the generosity of the FAMILY ASSOCIATION)

HAVE FUN! Be respectful and follow the rules of Adventure Cove. Supervise your kiddos.

Please bring money if you wish to purchase food/drink from concession.

*if you get tickets and your plans change and you cannot attend, please return your tickets to us so we can offer them to someone else!

Thank you to the Abilene Volunteer Services Council!

ERS Open Enrollment 2026

The annual opportunity for HHSC, DSHS and OIG team members to make benefit changes is June 22 - July 3. **Changes take effect on September 1st.**

Summer enrollment is the only time of the year you can make benefit changes outside of qualifying life events, such as the birth of a child, a marriage or divorce.

To benefit make changes:

1. Go to the [ERS website](#).
2. Click "My Account Login."
3. Select "Proceed to Login" if you already have a username and password or "Register Now" if you need to create an account.
4. After you log in, confirm that your contact information under "My Personal Information" is correct.
5. Navigate to the "My Insurance Information" section of the page. Click "Benefits Enrollment."
6. Navigate to the "Open Benefits Events" section of the page. Click "Select" on the annual enrollment item to begin making your changes.

Post-Hire and Family Status Changes During Annual Enrollment

New hires wanting to make post-hire changes within 31 days of hire, or employees within 31 days of a [qualifying life event](#) (such as birth of a child, marriage or divorce) who would like to make a family status change to their benefits, will not be able to make changes online during summer enrollment and will need to complete the Benefits Election Form (BEF) instead.

To make post-hire or family status changes during the summer enrollment period:

- Login to the [CAPPS Portal](#).
- Download the Benefits Election Form (BEF) found in the 'Benefits Information & Forms' section. If you are a return-to-work retiree, download the RTW BEF.
- Complete the entire form and indicate if it's a post-hire or family status change in Section B of the BEF.
 - For family status change, include the event date in Section C of the BEF. Note: The request must be within 31 days of the qualifying life event.
 - For post hire changes, include the event date in Section C of the BEF. Note: The request must be within 31 days of the qualifying life event.
- Email the completed BEF to the [HHS Employee Service Center](#) or fax to 866-245-3659.

To learn more about summer enrollment, visit the [ERS website](#), or call the [HHS Employee Service Center](#) at 1-888-894-4747.



July 2026 Nominees:

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

Click the picture to cast your vote!



And make your August Nominations!

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Jerry** in Security and **Mandy** for safely and efficiently removing a bird that was trapped inside a home. Yall are heroes!

I just want to give a shout-out to the entire **Recreation Department** for the colorful and amazing job they do every year with planting beautiful flowers, garden color!! Great Recreation peeps!

Thank you to **Justin** and The **Recreation Department** for collaborating with **HAB** to allow our individuals to participate in Physical Therapy at the pool. They have really, really enjoyed it.

We want to give a huge shout out to the staff on **6710 Circle Dr.!** We recently needed to complete a highly important procedure with one of the men. After MANY attempts, this was finally accomplished with the help of our amazing, patient, and caring staff! We appreciate all you do for the guys!

I wanted to tell you how much we appreciate **Bobby** as our housekeeper here at FCT/D. He has done a great job with making sure the building is clean and taken care of as best he can every day. Bobby has excellent communication with us, and I appreciate that skill the most. The most recent example has been this morning - I noticed the paper towel dispenser was not rolling so I thought I could change it and go on about my day. Absolutely not. I contacted Bobby about the issue, and he came back to the department and fixed the issue with a smile on his face. I appreciate his work and efforts greatly!

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. Areas around the butt cans are clear of any leaves, etc.

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!