

Identify the SOAR Intercept Where You Can Enhance the Process!



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- * Family members, friends, peer support specialists
- * Case workers, outreach workers, homeless services staff

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- * HUD Continuum of Care, homeless coalitions, advocacy groups
- * SOAR State and Local Leads
- * SOAR Practitioners

- * Outreach workers, social workers, care coordinators, peer support specialists
- * Housing specialists, homeless services staff
- * SOAR Practitioners

- Identify individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder, and are unable to work at a substantial gainful level

- Complete the SOAR Online Course: Adult Curriculum
- Gather medical evidence, and document functional impairments
- Write a Medical Summary Report and assist with the SSI/SSDI application process
- Collaborate with the State and Local SOAR Leads, SSA, and DDS

- Write a letter documenting the individual's limitations in functioning and supportive services provided
- Gather medical evidence, such as hospital or clinic records and psychiatric evaluations, and arrange for additional testing as needed

- Invite SOAR Practitioners to care coordination meetings
- Participate in SOAR Steering Committee Meetings
- Identify data-sharing opportunities to facilitate efficient SOAR referral and assistance
- Dedicate funds to support SOAR Practitioner positions
- Support SOAR Practitioners through mentoring, providing quality review of SSI/SSDI applications, and monitoring data

- Identify housing, employment, and education resources
- Connect with treatment and support
- Assist with other supportive service needs, such as food assistance and other mainstream benefits for which the individual may qualify

The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance (TA) Center is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and is a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults and children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

Connect with your state SOAR contacts: <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/directory>