



The SOAR Technical Assistance Center is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Technical Assistance Available from the SOAR TA Center



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In-Person Site Visits

- » Facilitated meetings with national experts
- » Strategic planning sessions with key stakeholders
- » SOAR forums for new localities
- » Action planning for SOAR implementation with special populations

Leadership Academies

- » 3-day program to learn to build community coalitions
- » Creating and leading a local steering committee
- » Supporting quality SOAR applications
- » Conducting SOAR Fundamentals training

SOARWorks Website

- » Library of issue briefs, tools, and worksheets
- » State pages with local contacts and documents
- » Application toolbox, including SSA forms
- » Frequently Asked Questions
- » Archived newsletters and webinars
- » SOAR Voices blog and networking opportunities



SOAR Online Course

- » Participants learn how to assist with completing quality Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) applications for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- » Seven (7) self-paced, interactive classes
- » Practice completing an actual SSI/SSDI application for a fictitious applicant
- » Customized feedback from the SOAR TA Center
- » 20 CEUs from the NASW upon successful completion of the course
- » Free and available via the SOARWorks website

Online Application Tracking (OAT) System

- » Free, web-based tracking system
- » Track and record decisions on SSI/SSDI applications
- » Monitor approval rates and use of SOAR critical components
- » Use reports to leverage additional funding to sustain SOAR

Webinars

- » Learn about best practices from model SOAR programs around the country
- » Navigate the application process
- » Work with special populations, including Veterans, children and justice-involved persons
- » Support your SOAR program with peer support workers
- » Develop funding and sustainability strategies
- » Encourage work through SSA work incentives and supported employment

General TA via phone and email

- » Address system and direct-service level barriers
- » Answer technical questions
- » Conduct statewide and local SOAR steering committee planning calls
- » Assist with implementation of a local SOAR process
- » Support collaboration with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Disability Determination Services (DDS)

