

SOAR ONLINE COURSE FACILITATION & LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Online Course and Leadership Academy are two tools for case workers providing assistance with Social Security disability applications for eligible individuals who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

Policy Research staff will provide training and technical assistance (TA) to your group throughout the OLC and Leadership Academy process through cohort facilitation, check-in calls, and material reviews.



SOAR OLC

Course highlights include the following:

- In-depth, step-by-step explanation of SSA's disability determination process and SSI/SSDI application forms
- Sample reports, letters, forms, and other tools
- Active learning through an actual practice case, including the completion of a SOAR SSI/SSDI application packet, submitted to the SOAR TA Center for feedback
- ["The course usage mapping showed a high correlation between those areas that have local SOAR leaders and successful online course completion."](#)

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The SOAR Leadership Academy is a 3-day training program designed to prepare individuals to serve as local leads within their communities, guide the SOAR initiative, and support individuals who complete the SOAR Online Course. Leadership Academy topics include the following:

- Creating and leading a local steering committee
- Using the Online Application Tracking (OAT) system
- Funding and sustaining SOAR in your community
- Conducting a 1-day SOAR Online Course Review Session
- Supporting quality SOAR applications in your community
- Working across systems and lifespans and with diverse populations

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We are a national leader in behavioral health services research and its application to social change. Since 1987, we have assisted over 200 communities nationwide through a broad range of services to guide policy and practice.

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