

# SOAR ONLINE COURSE FACILITATION & LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Online Courses 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 Associates staff will provide training and technical assistance to your group throughout the Online Course and Leadership Academy process through cohort facilitation, check-in calls, and material reviews.

Successful completions of  
the SOAR Online Course

**10,000+**

Adult curriculum graduates

**250+**

Child curriculum graduates

## ONLINE COURSE

Our expert facilitators can support your group through one of the SOAR Online Course curricula—the adult curriculum and the child curriculum. Highlights of both courses 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 completion of a SOAR SSI/SSDI application packet, submitted to the SOAR Technical Assistance Center for feedback



**"The course usage mapping showed a high correlation between those areas that have local SOAR leaders and successful online course completion."**

(Lupfer, Elder, 2016)

## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The SOAR Leadership Academy is a 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:

- Creating & leading a local steering committee
- Using the Online Application Tracking (OAT) system
- Funding & sustaining SOAR in your community
- Conducting a SOAR Online Course Review Session
- Supporting quality SOAR applications in your community
- Working with special populations—Veterans, children, justice-involved persons, and unaccompanied youth

**850+**

SOAR leaders  
trained through  
the Leadership  
Academies

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