

SOAR STRATEGIC ACTION PLANS

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Action Plan process provides states and local communities with expert facilitation to support the creation of an actionable strategic plan that will effect change. SOAR Action Plans can be developed at both the state and local levels to provide the tools to

- Create effective collaborations and partnerships
- Identify training, outcome tracking, and sustainability strategies
- Determine the composition of state/local leadership teams
- Support local efforts
- Complete applications and conduct trainings (locally)

Policy Research Associates staff will provide training and technical assistance to your group throughout the Action Plan process through strategic planning forums, action plan implementation support, and virtual follow-up.

TOPICS COVERED

- Negotiating a specific referral process with SSA and DDS
- Training community providers to complete the SSI application on an outreach basis
- Setting up a process to obtain medical records from essential providers
- Addressing the need for representative payee services
- Identifying groups that need to be included as part of SOAR (e.g., Continuum of Care, shelters or outreach programs, Mayor's Office, local homeless coalitions, local prisons or jails)
- Utilizing the SOAR Online Course to support training
- Tracking key outcomes of SSI/SSDI applications to sustain and expand efforts
- Coordinating, analyzing, and reporting data
- Using retroactive Medicaid to reimburse for medical evaluations

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- Case managers actively assist applicants, maintaining contact and acting as their representatives
- Emphasis on obtaining approval on initial applications and avoiding appeals
- Collaboration with local agencies, medical providers, and SSA/DDS
- Focus on documenting disability and its effect on functioning via a Medical Summary Report, reducing the need for consultative exams

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