

SOAR ONLINE COURSE FACILITATION & LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Online Course and Leadership Academy are two tools for case managers providing assistance with Social Security disability applications for eligible adults who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and have a 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.

ONLINE COURSE

The techniques taught in the SOAR Online Course can improve the quality and completeness of any application for SSI/SSDI. Individuals who complete the course are encouraged to use what they learn to improve SSI/SSDI applications for themselves or others. Course highlights include

- 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

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

- Creating & leading a local steering committee
- Using the Online Application Tracking (OAT) system
- Funding & sustaining SOAR in your community
- Conducting a 1-day SOAR fundamentals training
- Supporting quality SOAR applications in your community
- Working with special populations—Veterans, children, justice-involved persons, and appeals

SOAR WORKS!

- 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

ABOUT PRA

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.

We conduct meaningful, quality work through evaluation and research, technical assistance and training, and facilitation and event planning to improve the lives of people who are disadvantaged. We strive to make an impact in the field and promote a positive work environment.

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