

## Release of the SOAR Online Course: Child Curriculum

The SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center released the SOAR Online Course: Child Curriculum on October 31, 2018. This course trains case managers to assist children under age 18 who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder to apply for Supplemental Security Income. Course graduates can earn 20 Continuing Education Units from the National Association of Social Workers! Visit the [SOARWorks website](#) to learn more.

## 4 Jurisdictions Developed CIT Implementation Plans

Through the Bureau of Justice Assistance's VALOR Initiative, the Law Enforcement and Community: Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Model Program, Policy Research Associates worked with four law enforcement agencies to develop plans and policies to implement CIT programs in their jurisdictions. The four sites, Alamogordo, New Mexico; Honolulu, Hawaii; Huntsville, Alabama; and St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, are receiving CIT training in early 2019. Learn more about the [CIT Training Model Program](#).

## 6 Localities Strengthened Services for Veterans

Through work with SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center, six sites across the United States (State of Missouri; New York, New York; State of North Carolina; State of North Dakota; Houston, Texas; and Richmond, Virginia) have strengthened services for SMVF through a variety of mechanisms. Methods include implementing universal military history screening at the local police department and developing a state-wide data book on SMVF behavioral health issues.

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