

2022 QUARTER 4 IMPACT REPORT



TOPICAL AREAS OF IMPACT



2022 QUARTER 4 HIGHLIGHTS

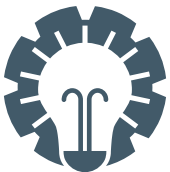


SAMHSA's SOAR TA Center Releases 2022 National SOAR Outcomes

In November, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center released its [2022 National SOAR Outcomes](#). This annual report summarizes the outcomes of using the SOAR model to assist people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with SSI/SSDI benefits. Over the last 17 years, the SOAR approach has been used to assist over 100,000 people who were experiencing or at risk of homelessness to apply for the Social Security Administration's disability programs, SSI and/or SSDI. Cumulatively, SOAR-assisted applications have a 65 percent initial allowance rate, as compared to an initial allowance rate of 30 percent for all people 18-64 who applied for SSI/SSDI in 2019.

In 2022 alone, there were:

- **62,444** people receiving benefits because of SOAR
- **2,920** approvals of initial applications
- **153** days to decision on submitted initial applications
- **\$630** million brought into the economies of participating states and localities



Research and Evaluation Team Presents at the American Society of Criminology's Annual Conference

In November, President Sarah Desmarais, PhD; Senior Research Associate Samantha Zottola, PhD; and Research Associate Kamiya Stewart, PhD, presented their research at the American Society of Criminology's Annual Meeting. Drs. Desmarais, Zottola, and Stewart presented together on two panels, *Discretion in Pretrial Decision-Making and Attitudes and the Criminal Court System*. During their *Discretion in Pretrial Decision-Making* panel, they shared the results of their research, "Applying the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) Model to the Pretrial Decision Context." For this study, the authors examined whether pretrial court actors' recommendations were consistent with the results of a pretrial risk assessment and aligned with the principles of the RNR model. Data from their analyses suggest that increased training and emphasis on RNR principles may improve outcomes during the pretrial process.



Policy Research Releases 2022 Year in Review

In December, Policy Research released its [2022 Year in Review](#). This report celebrates a year's worth of research, TA, policy change, and community impact across all projects. In 2022, Policy Research facilitated a leadership change, implemented equitable cost-of-living adjustment policy changes, adopted new life-work integration policies, and received new contract awards. To mark these transitions, the Word of the Year—delivered for the first time by President Sarah Desmarais—was "change." Scroll through PRA's Year in Review for a recap of the following:

- Big News in 2022
- Top Accomplishments
- Select Awarded Contracts
- On the Horizon
- Staff Map and Events
- Policy Research in the Community

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