

2023 QUARTER 4 IMPACT REPORT



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2023 QUARTER 4 HIGHLIGHTS



New SOAR Outcomes Issue Brief

In October, the SAMHSA Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center revealed the substantial impact of the SOAR approach over the past 18 years in its [SOAR Outcomes Issue Brief](#).

In 2023 alone, the SOAR program achieved the following:

- **2,604** approvals on initial applications
- **167** days to decision on initial applications
- **66** percent allowance rate on initial applications

These efforts have not only facilitated critical support for marginalized individuals but also brought over \$717 million into the economies of participating states and localities. The enduring success of the SOAR program underscores its pivotal role in enhancing the well-being of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



Maryland's Annual State Summit on Behavioral Health and the Justice System: Utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model

In October, SAMHSA's GAINS Center presented at Maryland's Annual State Summit on Behavioral Health and the Justice System, highlighting using the [Sequential Intercept Model](#) (SIM) to achieve systems transformation. Senior Program Associate Dan Abreu, MS, CRC, LMHC, co-led this strategic gathering, sponsored by the Maryland Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence, housed within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. The summit focused on reducing incarceration and enhancing responses to individuals with behavioral health conditions by strengthening connections to treatment services. Bringing together a diverse group of partners from various sectors, this event highlighted the importance of cross-sector collaboration and the effective use of SIM as a framework for assessing resources, identifying service gaps, and diversion opportunity to better support individuals with behavioral health conditions.



Policy Research Launches New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Resources Page

In December, Policy Research launched its [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) Resources page](#). The DEI Resources page serves as a central hub for exploring and integrating DEI principles into practice across several human service sectors. It features a wide range of materials designed to enhance understanding and application of DEI concepts in critical areas, such as intersectionality in behavioral health, culturally responsive treatments, and racial equity in housing. By providing access to this wealth of resources from its projects, Policy Research aims to empower organizations, practitioners, and policymakers to implement effective DEI strategies that promote fairness, respect, and dignity for all individuals.

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