

SOAR Learning Catalog

Foundational Education for SOAR Practitioners

SOAR Orientation

An overview of SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) for community members, stakeholders, and those interested in learning more about the SOAR initiative.

- In-person or virtual
- Estimated time: 60 minutes

SOAR Foundations: SOAR Online Courses

The SOAR Online Course: Adult and Child Curricula are free, web-based courses that teach the fundamentals of application assistance for Social Security disability benefits. Each course is comprised of a series of classes that include articles, short quizzes, and a Practice Case component. The Practice Case provides an opportunity for trainees to complete an SSI/SSDI application packet for a fictitious adult applicant or an SSI application packet for a fictitious child applicant using SOAR techniques. The complete application is submitted to the SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance (TA) Center for review. Upon approval, the participant will receive a certificate of completion and 20 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

- <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/content/soar-online-course-catalog>
- Virtual, self-directed
- Estimated time: 20 hours

Cohort Training Model

A SOAR Local Lead guides a cohort of trainees through the SOAR Online Course.

- Meet over a period of several weeks to review course material and track progress.
- Virtual or held in-person in a computer lab setting
- Estimated time: Approx. 4 hours (1 hour per call)

SOAR Online Course Review Session: Making SOAR Work

Facilitated by a SOAR Local Lead, this review session is for those who have completed the SOAR Online Course. This is an opportunity for practitioners to review key components of the SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI application process; get to know their SOAR Local Lead; meet their SSA and DDS liaisons; and learn about their community's SOAR process.

- In-person or virtual
- Estimated time: 4-6 hours

SOARing to Success: Completing your First SSI/SSDI Application

This cohort training is designed to assist newly trained SOAR Case Workers with completing and submitting their first SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI application. A SOAR Local Lead meets with practitioners over four sessions to guide them step-by-step through the process.

- In-person or virtual
- Estimated time: 1-2 hours per session

Continuing Education for SOAR Practitioners

SOAR Electives: Beyond the Basics

SOAR electives are designed to explore how SOAR practitioners can assist beyond the application process. SOAR Local Leads can help you take a deeper look at these topics to add to your SOAR “Toolbox.”

- In-person or virtual
- Estimated time: Varies (60-90 minutes)

Topics

- Appeals
- Employment and Work Incentives
- Special Populations
- Online Application Tracking (OAT)
- SSA’s Mental Disorder Listings

SOAR Webinars

Webinars covering various topics are held approximately every quarter. SAMHSA SOAR TA Center staff and guest speakers from across the country present valuable information to expand your SOAR knowledge. View recordings from past webinars and register for upcoming events at <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/topics/webinars>.

- Virtual
- Estimated time: 90 minutes

SOARing Over Lunch

These informal monthly calls facilitated by the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center are designed to help support SOAR efforts across the country. Interested in learning how to implement local steering committees? Have technical questions related to SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications? Want some tips on improving your Medical Summary Reports? These calls are for you! For upcoming dates and log-in information, go to <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/article/soaring-over-lunch>.

- Virtual
- Estimated time: 60 minutes