

SOAR WORKS

SOAR Enhances Recovery by Empowering Local Communities

Through the dedicated work of the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center, state and local SOAR Leads, and benefits specialists, the **SOAR model has assisted more than 59,153 people*** who were experiencing or at risk of homelessness to access SSI/SSDI benefits, enabling these individuals to obtain stable housing, receive mental health and substance abuse treatment, and pursue their vocational goals.

**based on SOAR Outcomes collected as of 6/30/2021*



SOAR Collaborates with Communities to Develop Customized Technical Assistance Events

SAMHSA SOAR TA Center staff deliver technical assistance in collaboration with local key stakeholders, using a grassroots approach that **empowers each locality to identify its needs** and receive individualized assistance to work towards its identified goals

Since 2009, the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center has delivered on-site technical assistance to over **199 localities** across the United States and reached an estimated **5,500 local stakeholders**

Utilizing virtual meeting technology, since 2014 the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center held **132 virtual TA events for 18,314 participants**



SOAR Develops Local Leaders Through the Leadership Academy Model

38

987

2,100

From 2013 to 2021, the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center facilitated 38 **regional and virtual SOAR Leadership Academies**

Leadership Academies have provided **skills training and mentorship** for 987 SOAR Local Leads from all 50 states and Washington, DC

These Local Leads have in turn facilitated **150 SOAR Online Course Review Sessions** with over 2,200 local participants



SOAR Works with Local Communities to Develop Funding and Sustainability Plans or Long-Term Success

Communities develop **funding and sustainability plans** for SOAR assistance, in collaboration with the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center

Each locality is offered technical assistance and **individualized support in identifying funds** that could be used for SOAR

These efforts have resulted in **308 full-time and part-time SOAR positions** nationally

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SOAR Enhances Recovery by Scaling Federal Resources to Enhance Communities

Through its national reach and extensive network of partnerships, the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center is able to scale federal resources to fit the needs of community members. The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center tracks its impact at the local level to demonstrate the efficacy of its model.

The SOAR Online Courses Provide Standardized Training Enhanced by Individualized Feedback

12,900

Between 2014 and August 2021, over 62,000 people have enrolled and more than **12,900 trainees have successfully completed** either the Adult or Child Curriculum of the SOAR Online Course

20,000

Experts from the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center have completed over **20,000 individual reviews** of trainees' work



1:1

Each trainee in the SOAR Online Course receives **comprehensive, individualized feedback** from an expert in the SOAR model

43,000

The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center shares SOAR-related news, events, and resources with over **43,000 individuals** via the SOAR listserv

OAT

The SOAR Online Application Tracking Tool Tracks National Outcomes to Demonstrate Local Impact

49,000+

SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications reported in OAT

2,325

agencies registered in OAT

4,235

users registered in OAT



A peer-reviewed evaluation using OAT data found that **disability applications that used the SOAR model had a higher likelihood of approval than applications that did not.**

Source: An Evaluation of SOAR: Implementation and Outcomes of an Effort to Improve Access to SSI and SSDI, Jacqueline F. Kauff, Elizabeth Clary, Kristin Sue Lupfer, and Pamela J. Fischer, Psychiatric Services 2016 67:10, 1098-1102. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201500247>

The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center Works in Collaboration with Federal and National Agencies on Efforts to End Homelessness



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Since 2009, the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center has held 98 partner webinars and presentations to expand the reach of SOAR



Through extensive partnerships with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the SOAR model is now VA's recommended approach for increasing access to SSI/SSDI for Veterans who have disabling conditions

780

VA Medical Center staff and VA grantee staff (Supportive Services for Veteran Families and Grant and Per Diem Program) have passed the SOAR Online Course

All figures are as of 8/31/2021, except where noted.

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