



# SOAR Webinar

Caring for Ourselves While Caring for Others: Wellness for SOAR Case Workers

## Presenter Bios

### Dan Coladonato

SOAR Project Associate II, SAMHSA SOAR TA Center, Delmar, New York

Dan is a Project Associate for the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center. Before joining the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center, Dan served as a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist with an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team that served adults with severe and persistent mental illness and a history of homelessness. During his time providing psychosocial rehabilitation services with the ACT team, Dan became SOAR-trained and discovered how effective the SOAR model was for SSI/SSDI advocacy, and eventually became the ACT team's Benefits Specialist. In addition to assisting individuals to acquire Social Security and other locally administered benefits, Dan helped individuals with the post-entitlement transition, representative payee services, and the transition back to work. After attending a SOAR Leadership Academy in San Diego in 2016, Dan became a SOAR Local Lead in San Diego and provided SOAR training and support to local SOAR advocates. This eventually led him to his current position at the TA Center.

### Robert Statham, B.S.

Training & Technical Assistance Facilitator, New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS), Rochester, New York

Robert Statham is a Training & Technical Assistance Facilitator with the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. He has worked with people with mental health and substance use issues for more than 20 years, promoting recovery-focused services and service provision. Combining his clinical and vocational background, Mr. Statham provides training and technical assistance around employment services and the capabilities of people with behavioral health issues to providers and people in recovery, across New York State and nationally. Robert also works with the National Development and Research Institutes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NDRI-ATTC) projects helping organizations promote and operationalize employment-centric recovery-oriented care. Robert also is the President of Pathlight Career Counseling Services, a consulting service based in Rochester NY, and works with area college students to assist in their employment and career-related goals.

### Jeanine Yard

Training Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Housing and Homeless Services Division and SOAR State Lead, Lansing, Michigan

Jeanine Yard is the Training Coordinator for the Housing and Homeless Services Division of the Michigan Health and Human Services Department providing coordination of training and services across the division and state for staff and grantees. She is also the SOAR lead for the state of Michigan providing coordination and guidance for SOAR delivery across the state. Formerly, Senior Program Officer at the



Michigan Community Service Commission and a nonprofit Executive Director, Yard has provided grant oversight to state programs, training and technical assistance to program leadership and staff, and managed the programmatic and fiscal operations of two nonprofits. She has more than 43 years of combined experience working with nonprofit management, homeless services, national service, substance abuse prevention, and youth development programs. Her passion is developing models and methods for program replication and sustainability, fostering the professional development and wellness of program staff, and building partnerships to create lasting community impact.

### **Karli J. Keator, M.P.H., Ph.D. Candidate**

**Principal of wKd Strategies, and registered yoga teacher (RYT-200), New York**

Karli has over 16 years of experience collaborating with youth and families, practitioners, and researchers to implement systems and practice improvement initiatives that better life opportunities for youth and strengthen families and communities. She has directed numerous research and evaluation studies, provided implementation support to state/local government and non-profit organizations, facilitated multi-sector strategic planning efforts, and developed training curricula.

In all aspects of her work, she invites reflection on the current state of practice through inclusion of those most impacted and thorough examination and analysis of available data and facilitates planning and implementation processes that reflect the empirical knowledge of what interventions work, for whom, and under what circumstances. She also participates in activities to support a workforce that can authentically and skillfully engage with individuals served. She believes that an individual's actions reflect their internal state and that, like all things, the skill of finding equanimity must be practiced. For her, this practice includes yoga and equine-assisted emotional intelligence training.

Ms. Keator is currently Principal of wKd Strategies where she engages in community-driven, assets-based program development, implementation, and evaluation activities in support of youth and family serving organizations. She was formerly the Director of the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice and Vice President at Policy Research Associates, Inc. Ms. Keator has a Master of Public Health from the University at Albany, is currently a student at the University of Albany's School of Social Welfare and Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, and is a registered yoga teacher (RYT-200).