

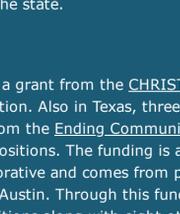
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Fall Into Funding!

The SAMHSA SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance (TA) Center would like to spotlight some recent funding successes from around the country.

Rhode Island: [The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness](#) is the recipient of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's [Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project](#), which aims to support the implementation of coordinated community approaches to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Through this funding, the coalition will support one part-time SOAR Youth Navigator who will provide outreach and benefits navigation assistance for identified youths experiencing homelessness.



Louisiana: The Louisiana State Contact for the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program and SOAR State Team Lead, Jacqueline Porter, worked with the State of Louisiana to set aside nearly \$700,000 in [Mental Health Block Grant](#) funds to support 10 full-time dedicated SOAR positions throughout the state.

Texas: [Mission Texarkana](#) secured a grant from the [CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund](#) to support one full-time dedicated SOAR position. Also in Texas, three Austin-area agencies are the new sub-recipients of local grant funding from the [Ending Community Homelessness Coalition](#) to support the development of dedicated SOAR positions. The funding is associated with a new initiative known as the [Austin Street Outreach Collaborative](#) and comes from private funding through [St. David's Foundation](#), located in the City of Austin. Through this funding, the identified agencies will support four full-time dedicated SOAR positions along with eight other street outreach positions.



October Spotlights



Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and Announcing the Release of the Applicant Self-Help Guide in Spanish

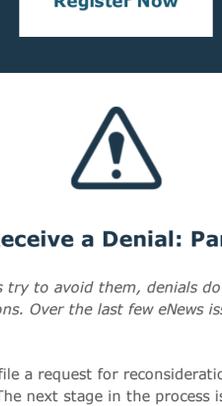
During National Hispanic Heritage Month, when we recognize the important role that the American Latino community plays in our communities, the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center is pleased to release the *Applicant Self-Help Guide* in Spanish: *Guía de orientación para solicitantes*. This helpful toolkit walks applicants through submitting a Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) application when they are unable to access a SOAR-trained provider. [Access the guide in Spanish here](#) [PDF].



Observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month With a SOAR Success

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an occasion to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and elevate awareness of the issues they face and the resources that can help. In recognition of the occasion, we're sharing a SOAR success story sent in by Lauren Rodriguez from the SAFE Alliance in Austin, Texas:

Sarah was a survivor of domestic violence, and she joined our rapid rehousing (RRH) program that we run at SAFE. She had disabilities related to both her physical and mental health, so she was referred to me by her RRH advocate.



See How SOAR Works

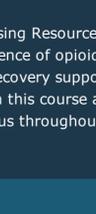


SOAR Webinar: The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center Answers Your Frequently Asked Questions

October 19, 2022; 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET

Join us on October 19 as we address our most frequently asked questions (FAQs). The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center will provide in-depth answers while giving the SOAR community an opportunity to get to know us and our resources better. We will cover a broad range of topics, such as completing a specific SSA form, getting a Medical Summary Report co-signed, documenting co-occurring substance use disorders, working with applicants who are involved with the legal system, handling appeals, completing the online courses, entering decisions into the Online Application Tracking system, and working while applying for benefits. In addition to providing answers to common questions, staff will demonstrate in real time how to access resources on the SOAR website so you can find what you are looking for and get your questions answered at any time!

[Register Now](#)

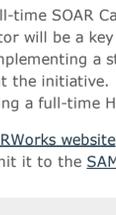


What To Do When You Receive a Denial: Part 3

As much as SOAR-trained case workers try to avoid them, denials do happen, and when they do, it is important to know that there are options. Over the last few eNews issues, we have discussed how to handle and appeal a denial.

In the last issue, we discussed how to file a request for reconsideration, and now we will discuss the steps to take if that reconsideration is denied. The next stage in the process is appealing to an administrative law judge (ALJ). At this time, determine if you have the time and capacity to complete the appeal; if not, it may be a great opportunity to engage with your local Legal Aid Society, pro-bono firms, or law school clinics. The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center offers a number of great resources regarding how to represent an applicant at the ALJ level, as well as the overall appeals process:

- [About Appeals](#)
- [Applicant and Caseworker Information: The SSA Appeals Process](#)
- [A Toolkit for Case Managers: Submitting SSI/SSDI Appeals Using the SOAR Model](#)



SOARing Over Lunch Conference Call

October 11, 2022, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET

[Add SOARing Over Lunch to Your Calendar](#)

Federal Updates

SAMHSA Releases [Addressing Burnout in the Behavioral Health Workforce through Organizational Strategies](#)

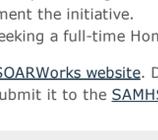
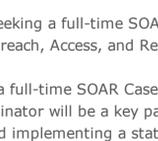
Burnout is a complex issue resulting from chronic workplace stress that encompasses exhaustion, depersonalization, and reduced personal accomplishment. This guide will highlight organization-level interventions to prevent and reduce burnout among behavioral health workers.

Partner Updates

New HHRC Online Course! [Whole-Person Care for Opioid Use Disorder](#)

This online course from the Homeless and Housing Resource Center (HHRC) provides foundational information about the neurobiology and prevalence of opioid use disorder (OUD), the whole-person care framework and best practices, treatment and recovery supports for OUD, and supporting housing stability for individuals with OUD. While the principles in this course apply broadly to best practices for working with individuals with substance use disorder, the focus throughout will be on individuals who are experiencing homelessness and OUD.

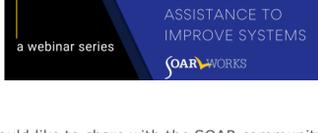
SOAR Jobs



- **Florida:** Apalachee Center, Inc., is seeking a full-time SOAR Specialist to provide support and resources through the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) process to help people successfully obtain SSI/SSDI.
- **Connecticut:** New Reach is seeking a full-time SOAR Caseworker.
- **Illinois:** The Statewide SOAR Coordinator will be a key part of the Illinois SOAR State Lead team and will be responsible for developing and implementing a statewide plan to advance SOAR and support SOAR-trained case workers to implement the initiative.
- **Tennessee:** The McNabb Center is seeking a full-time Homeless Case Manager.

Learn more about these positions on the [SOARWorks website](#). Do you have a job posting you would like to share with the SOAR community? Please submit it to the [SAMHSA SOAR TA Center!](#)

More From SOAR



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