SOAR WORKS for Children

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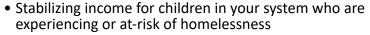Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children:
What is it, who is it for, and how can Child Welfare help?

How can SSI for children help?

- Stabilizing income for children in your system who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness
- Enhanced health insurance coverage (Medicaid)

Who is eligible?

- Children (birth to turning age 18) with a physical or mental impairment that causes marked or severe functional limitations
- Children and families with low income and resources
- Note: If a child is unmarried, lives with their parents, and their parents do not receive SSI, a portion of the parents' income and resources may be considered

How can I contribute and help a child access resources?

- Identify children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder
- Write a letter documenting the child's levels of functioning and supportive services provided
- Identify staff to complete the SOAR Online Course: Child Curriculum and assist children and families with completing the SSI application using the SOAR model
- Collaborate with State and Local SOAR Leads, SSA, and DDS

What resources are available?

- Understanding SSI for Children:
  https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-child-ussi.htm
- SOAR Directory:
  https://soarworks.prainc.com/content/contact-us
- SOAR Online Course: Child Curriculum: The course is a great resource for child welfare agencies that are interested in learning about the Social Security Disability process, assisting children and families with applying for SSI, or being able to identify and successfully refer potential SOAR applicants to SOAR-trained case workers
  https://soarworks.prainc.com/course/soar-child-curriculum

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