

## SOAR Online Training!

The SOAR Online Course trains case managers to assist individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness to apply for the Social Security Administration (SSA) disability programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). The techniques taught in this online course can improve the quality and completeness of any application for SSI/SSDI, however, the label “SOAR” should only be used on SSI/SSDI applications for persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

**CLASSES IN THIS COURSE**

1. The Need for SOAR
2. Initiating the Application
3. Exploring Basic Eligibility
4. Medical Information
5. The Link to Functioning
6. Completing the Application Packet
7. Supporting Recovery

The online course consists of seven classes, each of which has a series of articles, short quizzes, and a practice case. This practice case provides an opportunity for case managers to apply what they have learned by completing an SSI/SSDI application packet for a fictitious applicant using SOAR techniques. Video interviews, medical records, and progress notes provide the information needed to complete SSA forms and write a Medical Summary Report (MSR) for the fictional applicant.

**The Need for SOAR**

Key Lessons from Will  
SOAR helps you get approval on initial applications by helping SSA & DDS with the info they need - avoiding

The complete application packet 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). There is no charge for this course.

SOAR Case Study - Female, Part 2

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Tasks for this Class:

Your first step is to visit the website:

<https://soarworks.prainc.com>

Then, click on Online Course and “Enroll in this course”.

You can complete the online series at your own pace. There is an option to request a

training cohort where your state or local lead can coordinate a weekly or bi-weekly check-in for your group or team. This can be a helpful opportunity to review, ask questions, give status updates, and clarify any issues with the training. After Online Training is completed and you’ve had some opportunities to complete SOAR applications, a **SOAR Fundamentals** refresher training can be requested and scheduled with your State or Local Lead.

**Overview of Social Security Disability Programs: SSI and SSDI**

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There are two SSA disability programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). People often confuse them. Both programs are federally funded and administered by the Social Security Administration.

The Social Security Administration has two disability programs which are federally funded. They are often confused because they have many similarities and some important differences. This article describes the differences between Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

**Similarities**

- Medical and functional disability criteria
  - Both programs have the same criteria for determining disability based on medical evidence and functional abilities
- Application process
  - Both programs utilize the same application process, although they have different application forms, and share one disability determination
- Health insurance
  - Each program has an associated health insurance program

We estimate that it will take about 20 hours to complete the entire course and participants can work at their own pace, starting and stopping as they wish.

- **You will be completing two to three classes each week**
- **Please be prepared to set aside roughly 1-2 hours for each class**
- **You will need access to the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader or a printer and scanner to complete the training**