



# SOAR Training

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Human Services



## Assisting People Applying for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits

### Workshop Highlights

- An in-depth, step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process
- Strategies for working with individuals who are homeless with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse disorders
- Exercises and worksheets, sharing practical application tools
- Release-of-information samples, sample reports, letters, assessment forms, SSA forms with explanations
- Inside resources and linkage to Social Security Administration and the state DDS unit

### Who Should Attend:

This training program is specifically designed for Front line staff who work directly with clients and help to access much needed services. CEU's are available upon request.

### Participation

SOAR is a two-day training session. Participants are required to attend each day for the **FULL** 2 days to receive SOAR certification.

Upon completion of the training, participants with the support of their respective organizations, agree to complete at least 2 applications using the SOAR process and provide feedback on application outcomes.

### Workshop Location

December 7-8: Community Mental Health Council  
8704 S. Constance, Chicago, IL

### Registration

Please complete the attached registration form. The SOAR Training is free. Each participant is responsible for their own Hotel, per diem, travel, and CEU expenses. Due to space limitations, registration is initially limited to one person per agency. If additional slots become available, the registration will remain open until all vacancies are filled.

### How is this model different?

- Case managers actively assist applicants
- Focuses on the initial application – “Get it right the first time!”
- Avoids appeals whenever possible
- Focuses on documenting the disability to reduce the need for consultative exams
- Leads to savings – the San Francisco Department of Public Health estimates that their SSI outreach project saves the city \$27 million annually
- SOAR workers have been trained in Illinois and begun using the SOAR process with great success. Health and Disability Advocates' attorneys report using the SOAR method has successfully resulted in the recent approval of disability benefits for 2 applicants who have been denied SSI benefits multiple times.

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Event #10663

## Registration Form

(Only one (1) registration per agency)

**December 7-8, 2009: 9 AM to 4 PM, each day**  
**Community Mental Health Council,**  
**8704 S. Constance Ave, Chicago, IL**

(directions will be provided when registration is confirmed)

**PLEASE TELL US HOW MANY CLIENTS YOU HAVE HELPED TO APPLY FOR**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE PAST YEAR**

NONE

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### Applicant's Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) --- - ----

YES, I want to obtain CEUs (there is a \$20 charge - payable by cash or check)

**REGISTER TOLL FREE:** (800) 345-9472 **ONLINE:** [www.dupagefederation.org](http://www.dupagefederation.org)

**RETURN VIA FAX:** (815)753-6900

**OR MAIL TO:** Registration Services, NIU Outreach, DeKalb, IL 60115 **EVENT:** #10663

**You will be notified by letter or a phone contact by the SOAR trainers of your acceptance in the SOAR training program. Registration is not complete until this contact has been made, so please make sure you provide a phone number, email or address where you can be reached.**

**SOAR Trainings have 30 slots available.  
Registration will close once this maximum is reached**