



SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

An Overview

Stands for **SSI /SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery**

Helps **increase access** to SSA benefits

For people **who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness**

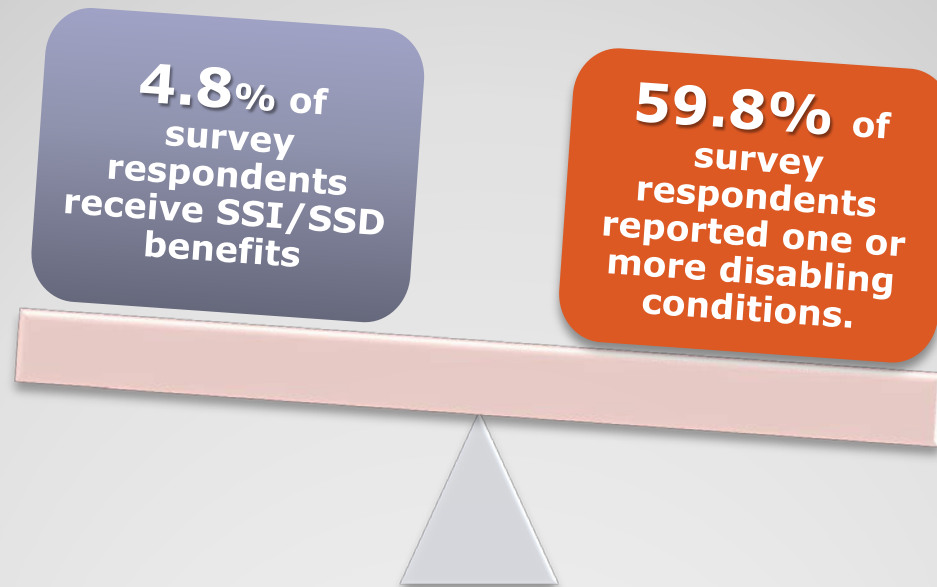
Who have a **mental illness, medical impairment**, and/or a **co-occurring substance use** disorder

Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (**SAMHSA**)

SOAR is practiced in **all 50 states**

What is SOAR?

Those who need do not receive...



- Nationally, **only about 30 percent** of those who apply for SSI/SSDI **are approved**
- For people **who are homeless** and have no one to assist them, **that percentage is cut by more than one half.**
- When applications are denied, **appeals** can take an **average of one year** to complete, and in that time applicants **often give up hope.**



How Does this Happen?

SSA disability benefits can provide access to:

- Income
- Housing
- Health Insurance
- Treatment
- Other supportive services

For people with disabilities, SSI/SSDI can be a critical step towards ending homelessness and promoting recovery

How can SOAR change outcomes?

Homeless
Case
Manager
receives
SOAR
Training

Case
Manager
engages the
client to
gather info
for MSR

Case
Manager
requests
medical
records

Case
Manager
submits
SOAR-
initialed SSA
application
with MSR
and Records

Case is
Approved!

The SOAR Way.....

Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Maryland
Washington
North
Carolina
Kansas
Oregon
Arkansas
Virginia
Oklahoma

- Practice SOAR
Critical
Components
- Dedicated Staff
- 7/10 states process
> 100 cases a year
- 82% approval rate

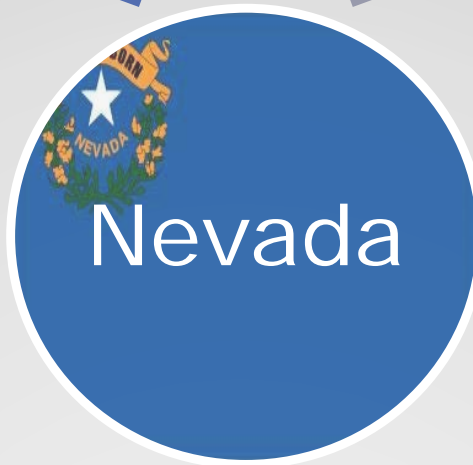
Top 10 States

71%
cumulative
(since 2005)

No dedicated
staff

11/13
approvals
(85%) 2014

220 active
trained
community
members in
NV



How do we Stack up?

SSI brought over **\$227 million** into the economies of participating states and localities

10 states report **\$1.65 million** in Medicaid reimbursement, or an average of **\$10,465** per person

General assistance reimbursement was on average, **\$1,217** per person approved for SSI

Show Me the Money!

SOAR is About.....

Ending Homelessness

Promoting Recovery

Transforming Lives

Mark Your Calendars! SOAR Forum hosted by Policy Research Associates

Who:

Representation from
leadership from all
COCs

Regional/State/Local
Stakeholders

(i.e. SSA, DDS,
DWSS, DHHS, etc.)

When/Where:

Date:

**Last week of
August 2015**

Time/location: TBD
(day-long event)

Why:

Develop action plan
Explore funding &
sustainability
Determine local/state
SOAR process