



Housing & Homeless Services

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

Quarterly Training

FY 2021

Introduction

The MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services team, in partnership with the SOAR TA Center, is hosting quarterly SOAR training for Michigan in FY 2021. Trainings will be organized into four cohorts, A through D, with specific schedules. Training is virtual and consists of the SOAR Online Course followed by a SOAR Online Course Refresher & Michigan Fundamentals Session, as well as regular group check-ins throughout the process.

Individuals that pass the SOAR Online Course and complete a SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session will be designated as a Certified SOAR Practitioner in Michigan.

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Training Highlights

- A step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process.
- Strategies for working with individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, and who have serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders — only a fraction of this population receives the benefits to which they are entitled.
- Exercises and worksheets provide practical application tools.
- Learn how to track outcomes of your SOAR applications in the Online Application Tracking (OAT) system.
- Understand what the SOAR process looks like in Michigan.

Training Expectations & Requirements

- Individuals must intend to become a Certified Michigan SOAR Practitioner.
 - To maintain certification status, the following criteria must be met on an annual basis:
 - Complete at least 3 SOAR applications;
 - Maintain an initial application approval rate of at least 60%;
- Individuals must complete registration with MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services to participate in a training cohort.
 - **A registration link will be distributed via email prior to each training cohort.**

- Registration will include a sign-off acknowledging that the individual's employer/supervisor has agreed that SOAR activities will be allowable job duties for the individual's position.
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Training Cohort Schedules

Training schedules corresponding to each cohort are outlined in the table below.

	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort C	Cohort D
	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Registration Opens	Oct. 1, 2020	Jan 4, 2021	Apr 5, 2021	Jul 6, 2021
Registration Closes	Oct 30, 2020	Jan 29, 2021	April 30, 2021	July 30, 2021
Cohort Begins	Nov 2, 2020	Feb 1, 2021	May 3, 2021	Aug 2, 2021
Cohort Online Course Orientation (via webinar)	Nov. 2, 2020 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 1, 2021 10:00 a.m.	May 3, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Aug 2, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Online Course: Classes 1 & 2	Nov 2-13, 2020	Feb 1-12, 2021	May 3-14, 2021	Aug 2-13, 2021
Cohort Online Course Check-in #1 (via webinar)	Nov 11, 2020 10:00 a.m.	Feb 10, 2021 10:00 a.m.	May 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Aug 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Online Course: Classes 3 & 4	Nov 16-20, 2020	Feb 15-19, 2021	May 17-21, 2021	Aug 16-20, 2021
Cohort Online Course Check-in #2 (via webinar)	Nov 18, 2020 1:00 p.m.	Feb 17, 2021 1:00 p.m.	May 19, 2021 1:00 p.m.	Aug 18, 2021 1:00 p.m.
Online Course: Classes 5, 6 & 7	Nov 23-27, 2020	Feb 22-Feb 26, 2021	May 24-28, 2021	Aug 23-27, 2021
Cohort Online Course Check-in #3 - Final (via webinar)	Nov 25, 2020 10:00 a.m.	Feb 24, 2021 10:00 a.m.	May 26, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Aug 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Deadline to submit Online Course materials for review.	Nov 30, 2020	Mar 1, 2021	May 31, 2021	Aug 30, 2021
Revise and resubmit any online course materials as requested.	Nov 30-Dec 9, 2020	Mar 2-10, 2021	May 31-Jun 9, 2021	Aug 30-Sept 8, 2021
SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session (via webinar)	Dec 10, 2020 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Mar 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Jun 10, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Sep 9, 2021 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Cohort Ends	Dec 10, 2020	Mar 11, 2021	Jun 10, 2021	Sep 9, 2021