



SOARing Together
Series 2: Letter 7, 2021
SOARWorks Website Updates

Happy New Year!!! No, the summer heat has not “gotten to me”, the SOAR year official started on July 1st, 2021 and will end June 30, 2022. So Happy New SOAR Year!! With all the uncertainties of the past year, it is exciting to move into a brand-new year of SOARing. As we start SOAR 2022 year, I would like to share that both websites, the national SOARWorks site and our own COHHIO SOAR website, have gone through some great changes. Each site has been updated, has added new features and continues to provide useful information from SOAR Ohio, The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center and the Social Security Administration. All this material is beneficial when completing a quality and accurate SOAR assisted applications.

The **SAMHSA SOARWorks** website has changed the URL to <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/>. The SAMHSA TA Center Team continues to provide the most accurate information on anything related to SOAR or SSA process. The tabs and links on the site are far too numerous for me to detail in this tiny newsletter, but I invite you to take time to explore the many aspects of this site. I even challenge you to read up or listen to a webinar on a topic of your interest or maybe one that is unfamiliar to you.

I will mention the **Library and Tools Tab** <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/content/library-home>. This tab may offer the most assistance when completing SOAR Assisted applications. In this section, you will find a wealth of information on all needed application forms, detailed samples to complete each form, working with special population and all of the SOAR TA Center published materials. For the newer specialist and even the more experienced ones, this section will offer answer to most any question SOAR/SSA related, or it will guide you to it.

The COHHIO SOAR page- <https://cohhio.org/programs/soar-ohio/>

In a recent email, from SOAR Ohio State Lead and HNHF Director, Amy Lamerson, you may have learned that the SOAR Ohio page website recently made some changes as well with the guidance of COHHIO’s Communication Director, Marcus Roth. SOAR updates, Ohio specific information and new features were all added. A few additional features will come shortly, but I encourage each of you to explore through the site, review the information you are familiar with or maybe gain some new SOAR Ohio knowledge. All this great information is not only for your use, but please feel free to pass along any SOAR Ohio information to other service providers. Agencies that have an interest in assisting Ohio most vulnerable population with SSI/SSDI disability benefits, how to earn 20 free C.E.U.’s or general SSI/SSDI questions can be directed to me at candacetalty@cohhio.org.

Hiring and Supervising SOAR Toolkit describes the duties and responsibilities of both a SOAR Specialist and the SOAR supervisor. <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/sites/soarworks.prainc.com/files/Hiring-Supervising-SOAR-Case-Workers-Toolkit.pdf>

SOAR TA Center Webinars will link you directly with the SAMHSA SOARWorks page for recorded webinars a specific topic related to completing a successful SOAR assisted application. <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/topics/webinars>

The SOAR Certification Process explains the process of becoming SOAR Ohio certified after the successful completion of the SOAR online adult or child course. <https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.24.21-Expectations-of-Participation-and-Certification-in-SOAR-Ohio.pdf>

The SOAR Ohio FAQ answers most common questions and explains the benefits to adding SOAR methodology to the services you and your agencies provides <https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.24.21-SOAR-Ohio-Project-FAQ-2021.pdf>.

SOAR Coursework Instructional Videos explains what is expected when starting the online courses and the curriculum. <https://cohhio.org/programs/soar-ohio/videos/>

I was even able to sneak in the monthly *SOARing Together* newsletters!

Again, I encourage each of you to review both sites to learn something new, get familiar with the updates or just refresh your knowledge on best practices as you continue to SOAR!

“Until you try to fly, you will never know how high you can SOAR.”-George Mercado

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