



Expectations of Participation and Certification in SOAR Ohio:

The SOAR Ohio certification is a two-step process and only those who successfully complete the National SOAR online course and the SOAR Ohio virtual training can submit SSI and/or SSDI applications using the SOAR model in Ohio.

1. The National SOAR Online Course takes approximately 20 hours to complete. Currently, Ohio uses the SOAR Online Course as its approved training method. The SOAR Online Course consists of seven classes, each of which has a series of articles, short quizzes, and a practice case. The SOAR Online Course is free and can be accessed by clicking on the “Online Courses” tab on the National SOAR website <https://soarworks.samhsa.gov/content/soar-online-course-catalog>. After completing the online course, individuals will be connected to the State Team Lead who will provide ongoing technical assistance and trainings on state specific procedures for SOAR applications.

2. A SOAR Ohio Adult Online Course Review Session and SOAR Ohio virtual training will be offered to those individuals who have successfully completed the National SOAR Online Course: Adult or Child Curriculum. This training will provide policy specifics for Ohio SSA and DDD, a review of the National SOAR online course with hands-on skill set activities, and cover how to submit quality claims with the focus on fidelity to the SOAR model.

A certificate will be provided at the end of the training which provides access to the DDD Expedited Homelessness Unit, that is dedicated to the submission of SOAR Ohio claims. This training is by invitation only and attendance requires that you have completed the National SOAR Online Course at least two weeks prior to the scheduled training date.

Upcoming training dates:

July 6, 2022

October 5, 2022

January 4, 2023

April 5, 2023

Outcome Tracking:

SOAR Ohio uses the National SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) system to report outcomes. All SOAR Ohio certified providers are required to report their outcomes on SOAR assisted claims by submitting SOAR Ohio claimant data into SOAR OAT at <https://soartrack.samhsa.gov/login.php> in real time with accurate and timely application data entry.

To maintain the SOAR Ohio certification, one is committing to completing and recording outcomes of a minimum of 24 SOAR assisted SSI/SSDI claims per calendar year with a minimum of a 60 percent approval rate in an average of 100 days or less as targeted goal.



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Please reach out with any questions to The SOAR (**SSI/SSDI Outreach, Assess and Recovery**) Team here at COHHIO that provides training, technical assistance and support to all SOAR Specialist throughout Ohio. Social Service and community workers are trained to use evidence-based best practices and methodology to complete expedited disability benefits applications on behalf of clients. SOAR Ohio specialists represent clients during the entire application process. SOAR methodology is the best practice model and is a truly beneficial resource for all agencies serving Ohio's most vulnerable populations.

Thank you,

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