



SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery

## What is SOAR?

Outcome-oriented approach to expedite access to social security disability benefits for people who are homeless and who have serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders.

## Why SOAR?

SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process can seem complex.

Disconnect between the experience of homelessness and the disability application process.

Only about 20 percent of those who apply are typically approved on initial application.

Outcomes from 37 states provided evidence of the efficacy of the SOAR project. In 2010, 73 percent of the applications submitted using the SOAR approach were approved on initial application in 91 days on average.

## How to Participate in SOAR in Kings/Tulare County

### Attend SOAR Essentials Training

- Learn the benefits of SOAR implementation in our community
- Provide effective outreach and referral

Kings County:

**January 18, 2012**  
9:00 to 11:00am

Kings Behavioral Health  
450 Kings County Dr.  
Suite 104  
Hanford, CA 93230

Tulare County:

**January 26, 2012**  
10:30 to 12:30pm

Housing Authority Tulare  
County  
5140 West Cypress  
Visalia, CA 93277

### Attend SOAR Stepping Stones to Recovery 2-day Training

- Step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process
- Samples and explanations of SSA and DDS paperwork and necessary reports

Kings & Tulare Counties:

**January 31 & February 1, 2012**

8:30– 4:30

Kings Behavioral Health  
450 Kings County Dr., Suite 104  
Hanford, CA 93230

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Register online for the SOAR Essentials Training or for the SOAR 2-Day Stepping Stones to Recovery Training at:

[kingstularecoc.org](http://kingstularecoc.org)

