



North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness

NC SOAR: SSI/SSDI Access, Outreach and Recovery
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SOAR's Stepping Stones to Recovery Training

***A Case Manager's Training Curriculum for
Assisting Adults Who Are Homeless
with Social Security Disability and
Supplemental Security Income Applications***

Sponsored by:
the NC Interagency Council on Coordinating Homeless Programs
and Guilford County's *Partners Ending Homelessness Initiative*

***October 1 & 2, 2008
9:00am-5:00pm
Greensboro, NC
\$20/NCCEH members & \$35/non-members
(\$55 after September 22, 2008)***

In order to transition a person out of homelessness, we know that one will need affordable housing, access to appropriate services and an adequate income. For many North Carolinians who are homeless, working a full-time job is not an option because of some type of disability. Obtaining disability benefits for these individuals means a way out of homelessness.

National rates of approval for disability (SSI/SSDI) applications are approximately 35% for first time applicants. Among the homeless population, however, the approval rates are significantly less – closer to 15%, despite the high percentage of homeless persons who are prominently disabled.

Over the past 3 years SAMHSA, through a training called SOAR – SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery, has changed these odds. Communities that have participated in the training and implemented the SOAR technology fully have had similar results, documenting up to 93% approval rates within 3 months, for homeless persons generally considered to be eligible, and 65% approval rates within 3 months, for homeless persons who were thought by caseworkers to be on the cusp of meeting eligibility standards.

Be a part of this change. Attend this SOAR training to learn how you can help end homelessness.

Workshop Highlights

- An in-depth, step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process
- Strategies for working with homeless persons with 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
- Samples and explanations of SSA and DDS paperwork and necessary reports

Registration

Please complete the training application online by visiting www.ncceh.org and clicking the link for the Greensboro SOAR training.

Please note, completing an application does not guarantee you a spot in the training. Your application will be reviewed and SOAR staff will contact you.

Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarships to cover SOAR training participant fees are available for partner agencies involved in Guilford County's 10 year plan to end homelessness. To apply for these scholarships, made available by *Partners Ending Homelessness*, fill out the scholarship section of the training application.