SOAR Ohio

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Purpose and Objectives

• Share the importance of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits
  – Including income, health insurance, education and employment supports, and housing stability

• Offer opportunities for community members to get involved with SOAR
  – Connecting to local SOAR efforts, the SOAR Online Course, and the SOAR Online Application Tracking (OAT) program
What is SOAR?

• A model for assisting eligible individuals to apply for Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits

• For individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorder, or other physical disabilities

• Sponsored by SAMHSA in collaboration with the Social Security Administration (SSA) since 2005

• All 50 states and Washington, DC currently participate
SSI and SSDI: The Basics

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Eligibility based on need: low income and resources; living arrangement
- Monthly amount based on Federal Benefit Rate: $771/month (2019)*
- Date of eligibility based on Protective Filing Date/Application Date
- Health insurance: Medicaid

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

- Eligibility based on insured status (FICA payments)
- Monthly amount based on earnings history
- Date of eligibility based on “date of onset” of disability, 5 month waiting period
- Health insurance: Medicare

*https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-general-ussi.htm
SSI/SSDI Eligibility: Definition of Disability for Adults

SSA’s Definition of Disability

- Medical Condition(s)
  - Diagnosis
  - Documentation
  - Duration

- Functional Impairment(s)
  - Severity
  - Work
  - SGA
A Foundation for Recovery and Resiliency

More Than Income

- Access to health care and housing
- Increased education and employment opportunities
- Decrease in incarcerations and hospitalizations

SSI/SSDI: One Brick in Foundation
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