SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a national initiative designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

SOAR helps end homelessness and promote recovery through increased access to income supports, housing and employment.

**Outcomes**
(2017-2018)

- **Average days to decision:** 132 days
- **Overall approval rate:** 79% (on 214 applications)

**How to Become Involved:**
If you’re interested in learning how to become involved with the California SOAR initiative please review [Getting Involved With SOAR](https://bit.ly/2IPZnFs) and reach out to California’s SOAR State Team Lead Shoshana Zatz (szatz@cibhs.org) and/or California’s SAMHSA SOAR TA Center Liaison Abigail Kirkman (akirkman@prainc.com).