

SOAR E-Bulletin

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 4/2/19 – SOAR State Steering Committee Meeting, 2nd Quarter
- 4/8/19 – SOAR Training Cohort C Registration Opens
- 4/10/19 – SOAR Quarterly E-Bulletin, 2nd Quarter
- 4/11/19 – SOAR Webinar: Getting Started Completing SOAR-Assisted SSI/SSDI Applications
- 4/24/19 – SOAR Training Cohort B Post-training Check-in
- 4/29/19 – Building MI Communities Conference, Day 1 (Lansing)
- 4/30/19 – Building MI Communities Conference, Day 2 (Lansing)

May

- 5/1/19 – Building MI Communities Conference, Day 3 (Lansing)
- 5/6/19 – SOAR Training Cohort C Begins
- 5/14/19 – SOAR Bi-monthly TA Check-in (webinar)

June

- 6/12/19 – SOAR Training Cohort C Ends
- TBA – Annual Michigan SOAR Meeting (Lansing)

SOAR STAFFING CHANGES?

Please inform us of any SOAR staffing changes so we can make sure our SOAR contact list stays up-to-date!
Email Alisha Pennington at:
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Welcome, MDHHS Regional SOAR Navigators!

MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services is excited to announce our team's new Regional SOAR Navigators: Rod DesJardins, Matt Muszynski, and Alisha Pennington. As Regional SOAR Navigators, Rod, Matt and Alisha will provide technical assistance, education, and coordination to support and enhance SOAR implementation in local communities. Please see below for the team's coverage areas and contact information.

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Registration OPEN - SOAR Training Cohort C

The MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services team, in partnership with the SOAR TA Center, is hosting quarterly SOAR training for Michigan in FY 2019. Training is organized into four cohorts, A through D, with specific schedules. Training is virtual and consists of the SOAR Online Course followed by a SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session, as well as regular group check-ins throughout the process. Individuals that pass the SOAR Online Course and complete a SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session will be designated as a *Certified SOAR Practitioner* in Michigan.

Cohort C runs from May 6, 2019 to June 12, 2019 with a post-training check-in on July 17, 2019.

Please register at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TBQTXY>
REGISTRATION CLOSES on May 1, 2019.

You will receive a confirmation with specific instructions after May 1.

For questions, please contact Jeanine Yard, Training Coordinator at yardj@michigan.gov.



**SOAR Webinar: Getting Started Completing SOAR-Assisted SSI/SSDI Applications
Thursday, April 11, 3:00pm ET**

Have you successfully completed the SOAR Online Course, only to find yourself struggling with how to get started on completing SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications? What's the first step? Who is a SOAR eligible applicant? How do I contact SSA and DDS? Do we have a SOAR Process in my area? Help!

Please join us to learn tips from SOAR Local Leads and Providers on how to get started on your first SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications. Don't forget to invite your colleagues who have completed SOAR training and may be struggling with getting started too. Encourage them to register for this webinar so you can work together on submitting quality SOAR-assisted SSI/SSDI applications!



To register and for more information visit: <https://soarworks.prainc.com/article/soar-webinar-getting-started>

SAMHSA SOAR E-Newsletter

The **April 2019** issue of SAMHSA's SOAR E-Newsletter highlights is available here:
<https://soarworks.prainc.com/sites/soarworks.prainc.com/files/2019.04eNewsletter.pdf>

We encourage you to explore the full SOAR website for more information and tools: <https://soarworks.prainc.com/>