

The Maine Continuum of Care
and the Regional Homeless Councils Present

Social Security Disability Claims and Finding Success through SOAR



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Wednesday, August 15, 10-Noon

Portland Social Services, 196 Lancaster Street, Portland

Friday, September 14, 9am-11am

Maine Housing Board Room, 353 Water St. Augusta

(The regular Region II Homeless Council meeting will begin directly after the training at 11 am)

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a nationally recognized program designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI 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.

Join us in a discussion about:

- Understanding eligibility for SSDI and SSI benefits
- How the SOAR program works in Maine to increase communication with the Social Security Administration and encourage successful claims
- Learn how to overcome common pitfalls with SSA applications

Who would benefit from attending?

- Shelter staff, school personnel, prison and jail system staff, social workers, case managers, or other providers working with adults and youth with disabilities.
- Anyone interested in learning more about how to better support their clients with their social security applications.

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