

**COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT  
SERVICES**

SDAR is a program under the Community Support Services department. CSS strives to provide the highest quality services to consumers through a strengths-based and recovery focused model.



Ammie Mbole, CSS Director  
520 E. Augusta Ave.  
Augusta, KS 67010  
316-775-5491 Ext. 202

Leslie Lykes, SOAR Case  
Manager  
450 N 159th St.  
Wichita, KS 67230  
316-558-3158 Ext. 15

AFTER HOURS  
1-855-773-6686

[www.scmhcc.org](http://www.scmhcc.org)



**SOAR**  
**SSI/SSDI Outreach,  
Access and Recovery**



## WHAT IS SOAR?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are disability income benefits administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that also provide Medicaid and/or medical health insurance to individuals who are eligible. Nationally, about 36 percent of individuals who apply for these benefits are approved on initial application. The program is an approach that helps states increase access to mainstream benefits for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

## WHAT ARE SSDI AND SSI?

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are the two Federal disability programs:

- SSDI-provides benefits to disabled or blind individuals who are "insured" based on contributions paid into the Social Security trust fund, as authorized by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). An individual must have worked long enough and recently enough under Social Security to receive benefits.
- SSI-provides benefits to low income people who are disabled, blind, or elderly. An applicant must meet strict income and resource guidelines to establish that he or she has low or no income.

## HOW DOES SSA DEFINE DISABILITY?

Disability is based on an inability to work at the level of substantial gainful activity (SGA). SGA is work that involves significant mental and physical activity completed for pay or profit.

## WHO IS A SOAR APPLICANT?

The program is designed to serve adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who have mental illness, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and/or other serious health conditions. SOAR is also designed to serve individuals who are able to apply for benefits as an adult under SSA rules. This includes anyone 18 years of age or older as well as individuals who are within one month of their 18th birthday.

## HOW CAN CASE MANAGERS HELP?

- Case Managers can be listed as a contact person and can receive and file paperwork on the applicant's behalf.
- Help develop and submit complete and accurate information for his or her application.
- Help representatives at SSA and DDA obtain information they need to make an appropriate determination.
- Explain the application process to the applicant to reduce anxiety.
- Educate the applicant about the required documents to be filed.
- Help the applicant gather required documents and/or get copies of required documents.
- Assist the applicant with processing his or her application.
- Accompany the applicant to interviews with SSA.
- File a report summarizing all of the evidence presented in the applicant's case.