



## SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery

The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' Division of Disability and Behavioral Health Services-Mental Health (SRS DBHS MH) is holding a SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) direct service worker training to increase access to SSI/SSDI for people with disabilities, especially persons who are homeless. SRS DBHS MH, with generous additional funding from Homeless Resource Center, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Wyandot Center for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. and the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition, is offering this training free of charge (SOAR training normally costs \$1,895 per person).

### National Results for SOAR States

- Approval rates of 70% on initial application
- Cost savings for local programs
- Reduce need for consultative exams

### Who should come?

- Direct service workers who submit federal disability claims
- Communities/programs who serve homeless individuals

### Stepping Stones to Recovery Curriculum

- Based on the success of University of Maryland Medical System Baltimore SSI Outreach Project
- Comprehensive explanation of SSI/SSDI applications process
- Discusses strategies for assisting persons who are homeless
- Focuses on the initial application-“Get it right the first time”
- Offers practical tools
- Avoid appeals whenever possible

### Featured Speakers

- Sherrie Walkins–Alvey, LMSW, Service Manager, SOAR Trainer, Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
- LaTanya Johnson, SOAR Trainer, Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

### Training Includes

- Two full days of Stepping Stones to Recovery train the direct service worker program
- Participant Guide with slides, handy tips, sample forms, and tools for successful applications
- Stepping Stones to Recovery companion manual
- CD with color slides with graphics
- DVD with video role-play of interviewing skills



**Training will be held:**

**March 4 & 5, 2010**

**Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc.**

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8:30-4:30 each day

### Registration Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the attendee**

In registering for the Stepping Stones to Recovery direct service training program, I agree to use techniques I learned when I submit federal disability applications. I have full support and commitment of my agency director as indicated below.

Attendee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the attendee's agency director**

As the director of the agency where the above person is employed, I understand my agency's commitment to use techniques from the SSI/SSDI Outreach, ACCESS and Recovery training. I understand that the above person will be resource person related to expediting SSI/SSDI for people who are homeless. I authorize the person above to attend the direct service provider program March 4 & 5, 2010 and will support him/her in future data collection activities.

Agency Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email or fax registration form to Diana Marsh at 785-296-6142 or [diana.marsh@srs.ks.gov](mailto:diana.marsh@srs.ks.gov) by February 24, 2010. Registration is required. Persons not registered and confirmed as attendees by SRS DBHS MH will not be admitted.**

Training provided by SRS-Disability Behavioral Health Services-Mental Health,  
Homeless Resource Center, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law,  
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