



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), in partnership with the Division of Human Services of Sedgwick County and COMCARE of Sedgwick County 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. The training is free.

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

- Christine Tomkus, Administrative Officer, SOAR Trainer, Division of Human Services at Sedgwick County
- Tami Hurley, SOAR Case Manager and SOAR Trainer, COMCARE of Sedgwick County

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:

April 1 & 2, 2010

Sedgwick County Administration Building

DISABILITY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES • MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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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 April 1 & 2, 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 by March 26, 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, Division of Human Services of Sedgwick County and COMCARE of Sedgwick County