



Stepping Stones to Recovery

(SOAR Training)

Expediting SSI/SSDI for people with serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

OVERVIEW: Helping people who are homeless gain access to the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) benefit programs such as SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) for people with mental illness is a financially sound investment in people, in programs, and in communities. For individuals, the immediate gains of SSI and SSDI are clear -- a steady income and health coverage.

WHYYOUSHOULDDATTEND:

- Learn the basics of an SSI/SSDI application
- Highly interactive training
- Learn how to reduce application time from 2 years to several months
- Learn how to increase approval rates from 15% to 65-95%
- Receive a binder from the training with copies of the PowerPoint presentation, example forms, a video on DVD, and other helpful handouts
- All individuals who work with social security applications, clients who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or clients with mental illness are encouraged to attend.

WHEN: April 21 & 22, 2016

WHERE: Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, 1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901

COST: \$95 per person for the two day training. We will have \$45 registration fees for up to 5 Certified Peer Support Specialists that would benefit from a reduced registration fee (Please call Mary Madden at (262) 409-2741 if you are interested in this reduced rate.) Continental breakfast and lunch are provided on both days. A block of rooms are being held until April 1, for the rate of \$82 per night. To reserve a room, please call Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center at (920) 230-1900 mention the *“SOAR Training-NAMI.”*

TRAINING OVERVIEW:

DAY 1—Training is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.	Day 2—Training is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.
• Welcome and Introductions	• The New Process
• Overview of the Expediting SSI Process	• Interviewing d Assessing
• Engaging the Client	• Functional Information
• Application Process	• Writing Functional Descriptions
• Non-Medical Evidence	• Medical Summary Reports
• Medical Evidence	• Work Incentives
• Eligibility Criteria	
• Mental Illnesses	
• Co-Occurring Disorders	
• The “Usual” Process	

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Training Registration

The Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2015

There are two steps to the registration:

1) Email the following information to: mary@namiwaukesha.org

- a) Name and title of each participant
- b) Organization of each participant
- c) Email address of each participant
- d) Phone number of each participant
- e) Any accommodation needs of any participant

2) Send a check made out to *NAMI Waukesha* for \$95 per participant with a copy of your registration (the information provided above) to:

Mary Madden
NAMI Waukesha
217 Wisconsin Ave
Suite 300
Waukesha, WI 53186

(If requesting a scholarship-please call Mary at (262) 409-2741).

PLEASE NOTE:

- Registration is limited to 35 individuals
- No agency may register more than 5 individuals
- Your registration is complete only when your check has been received
- Questions? Contact Mary Madden at mary@namiwaukesha.org or (262) 409-2741.