



Colorado SOAR Certification

- Dates:** July 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (30 min lunch break at 11:30 a.m.)
Where: Online via Zoom (link emailed the week of July 13th)
Cost: Covered by a grant from the Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO)

What is SOAR?

SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a nationally recognized best practice model for helping people apply for Social Security disability benefits at the initial and reconsideration levels.

The Benefits of SOAR Training

SOAR approval rates in Colorado are 65% on average, which is significantly higher than the 35% approval rates for unassisted people at the initial level and drops to 10-15% for people experiencing homelessness. In addition, knowing the application process helps individuals obtain benefits faster, maximize their back pay and monthly benefits, and helps individuals understand and connect with other vital supports, such as ABLÉ accounts, benefits counselors, employment specialists, family and estate planning services, representative payees, and more!

Resources Provided

Trainees will receive slides, exercises, guides, workflow models, SSA forms, and are eligible to join every other week TA calls to help further their growth.

Candidates for this Training

Anyone assisting in or preparing for the SSA disability application process, including individuals applying for SSI/SSDI, families of individuals with disabilities, clinicians, case managers, advocates, and staff who provide services to individuals in need of accessing disability benefits. SOAR training benefits individuals most if they plan to assist with multiple Social Security applications. If you only expect to provide advice or work on one application with a friend or family member, then you may wish to consider our disability webinar series.

Cost

Thanks to a grant from the Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO), this is free to participants.

How to Register

Register online at bit.ly/COJuly2026SOAR or complete the attached form and return by email or mail. Additional information and directions are located on the registration form.

Questions

Please email Byron Kish at bkish@eastersealscolorado.org or call (303) 515-1653.

Colorado SOAR Registration Form

Registering for the SOAR training provides a license to the registrant to use the information. In registering for this training, you agree not to reproduce this presentation or material in part or whole for other training purposes.

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Alternative Registration: Complete the below information and either Fax to 888-396-9836, email to bkish@eastersealscolorado.org, or mail to Easterseals Colorado, 940 Wadsworth Blvd, Ste 120, Lakewood, CO 80214, Attention: Byron Kish, DBS.

Registrant Information (please contact Byron Kish to register a group)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate if you need any reasonable accommodations (ADA) to fully participate and contact us at your earliest convenience:
