

SOAR

Connecting Veterans
with Social Security Benefits



Assistance applying for **SO****CIAL SECURITY** Disability
Benefits through Veteran **OUTREACH**, increasing
ACCESS to resources that aid a Veteran's **RECOVERY**

SOAR is a national model proven to overcome barriers to accessing Social Security disability benefits for those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. SOAR representatives work together with their clients through the application process.

The program strives to help Veterans obtain the Social Security disability benefits they deserve, even before retirement age. We also work to increase access to support services and employment opportunities.

Criteria for Accessing SOAR:

A Veteran or the spouse of a Veteran living in Minnesota.

Experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

Physical disability, mental health diagnosis, or co-occurring substance use disorder expected to last at least 12 months.

What SOAR Can Do:



Serve as a FREE appointed non-attorney representative through the Social Security administration.



Assist in filing and submitting Social Security disability applications.



Help complete and submit any supplemental paperwork.



Gather medical evidence.



Prepare a written medical summary that tells your story to the disability examiner.



Ensure the disability claims process stays on track and a timely decision is made.

How Can You Access SOAR?

- Call LinkVet at 1-888-LinkVet!
- Your County Veterans Service Officer can refer you directly to the SOAR registry.

