



September 2023

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR CO-WORKERS & COLLEAGUES



WHAT'S NEW

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !!



The following tracks are planned for this years Summit:

Government Affairs
Homelessness
Supportive/Affordable Housing
Professional Development & Capacity Building
Peer Leadership & Development

SHPA is pleased to announce the opening of our 2023 Supportive Housing Summit and Annual Meeting, presented on November 16 & 17, 2023 in Bloomington, Illinois. Click below for Summit details and registration.

[Register Here](#)

Would you like to sponsor or know someone who would be interested in sponsoring the 2023 Supportive Housing Summit click [HERE](#) for sponsorship opportunities.



SHPAdvocacy:

In preparation for the spring legislative session, SHPA is launching our annual New/Expansion Supportive Housing Project Survey. If you are planning the expansion of a current project or developing a new supportive housing project and are seeking funding specifically from IDHS Homeless Services - Supportive Housing Program or the Division of Mental Health, please make sure that you complete the survey below:

There are also general membership/provider questions towards the end of the survey so please check out the survey and respond.

Your responses drive SHPA's budget advocacy and this past session SHPA was successful in securing \$2 million of funding for support services for new and expansion projects. This year it could be your project.

[FY24 New/Expansion Supportive Housing Project Survey](#)

** This survey will time out so we suggest that you print the survey and gather the info needed before completing it online.*



Watch this space for an exciting new opportunity for you to get involved in SHPA advocacy activities.



Implementing the Housing First Model

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 1:00p CDT

Housing First is a human right. It's providing people with safe places to live and be able to marshal their thoughts, feelings, and energy toward aspects of their lives that have necessarily been less attended to in the daily effort simply to survive. Housing First is a residential service and program ideal that also provides an opportunity to explore safer self-care and personal aspirations and achievements. How do we cultivate housing services that optimally embody person-centered, trauma aware, and incorporate harm reduction and motivational interviewing? What's the blueprint and best standard of practice? What's needed to provide support to those who live with housing instability, substance use, mental illness, poverty, and discrimination? Let's find out.

Facilitator: Tom Kinley

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Reframing Case Management

Tuesday, September 26th @ 1:00p CDT

This conversation will focus on how the homelessness and supportive housing can be more person centered in language and practice. It is often stated that "Residents/Tenants are people to be supported and not cases to be managed." We will discuss new approaches to terminology and approaches in direct service. The peer sharing opportunity is targeted to all stakeholders in the sector.

Facilitators: Johnna Lowe and Tom Kinley

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Dimensions of Quality through the Sustainability Lens

Tuesday, October 17 @ 1:00p CDT

This training will focus on the Sustainability within the Four Project Components

- Project & Design Administration
- Property and Housing Management
- Supportive Services and
- Community

with an emphasis on creating long term advocacy, policy, and infrastructure for quality supportive housing.

This training is open to any SHPA member that is interested in learning about the importance of sustaining quality supportive housing including direct service staff and leadership in supportive housing organizations.

Facilitators: Johnna Lowe and Richard Rowe

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Show Your Work

If it's Not Documented, it Didn't Happen

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 @ 10:00a CDT

Documenting Program Services is critical to know your program's accomplishment and effectiveness. Efficient use of financial resources is becoming more important, especially as funding sources become scarce and harder to secure. Accurately documenting services shows the value of your program and supportive housing while providing data and statistics to advocate for more funding.

Facilitator: SHPA Staff

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[IDHS Stakeholder Newsletter](#) - July 2023

Technical Assistance Resources:

Fiscal & Administrative Review Assistance for IDHS Providers

Payment Overview

Fiscal & Administrative Review Assistance for IDHS Providers

IDHS disburses funds to organizations in accordance with the payment method specified in the Uniform Grant Agreement. The following types of payment methods may be utilized:

- **Advance payments** are made in advance of actual grant expenditures. The amount and timing of the advance payment is dependent on the immediate cash requirements of your organization to execute the grant purpose
- **Reimbursement payments** are made only after incurring specific expenditures and submitting supporting documentation to IDHS
- **Working capital advance payments** are made in advance to cover your organization's initial disbursement needs. After the payment, the reimbursement method typically will be used for subsequent payments

Modifications to Your Award and Budget Revisions

- The total award amount of a grant is subject to availability of funding. It may increase at any time during the period of performance by mutual agreement of both parties. It may be decreased by IDHS during the period of performance. IDHS will provide written notification to your organization in either case
- Approved by IDHS, your organization's budget summarizes the planned expenditures for your project(s) based on the amount awarded by IDHS
- Your organization is required to submit a budget modification request for approval to IDHS if the proposed changes exceed 10% or \$1,000 of a single expense category

Grantee reminders:

1. Return unspent grant funds to IDHS within forty-five (45) days from completion of the period of performance
2. Submit requests for reimbursement payments to IDHS either within 15 days of the month or quarter end or in accordance with the due date outlined in Exhibit C of the Uniform Grant Agreement
3. Maintain advance payment amounts in an insured and interest-bearing account

4. Become familiar with the payment terms in your award

For more information and technical assistance on fiscal and administrative questions, [click here](#) to visit our website.

We are excited to share that the new page for grantee training and technical assistance is now available on the IDHS website. From the link below, you can access all one-page technical assistance documents as well as video recordings of PowerPoint training presentations.

[IDHS: Post-Award Requirements and Resources \(state.il.us\)](#)



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IHDA PSH & H3C RFA Informational Webinar

Tuesday, August 8 – 11:00a

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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FEDERAL NEWS

FY 2023 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability Due September 28, 2023 at 8:00 PM EDT

HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) posted last week the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and the renewal replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) grants under [Funding Opportunities](#) on HUD.gov. Additional resources will be available on [CoC Program Competition](#) on HUD.gov.

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications should be available in *e-snaps* this month. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants will be able to access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process. **All communities are encouraged to apply for the NOFO published on [grants.gov](#) by the submission deadline of September 28, 2023, at 8:00 PM EDT.**

HUD Exchange:

- [FY 2023 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability Due September 28, 2023 at 8:00 PM EDT](#)
- [FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Update - July 28, 2023](#)
- [Resource Digest for Homeless Providers – August 1, 2023](#)
- [CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) HMIS Project Setup Guidance Now Available](#)
- [CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT August 2023 Reports Now Posted](#)
- [FY 2023 CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data Available](#)
- [Register Today: Our Places of Impact CoP: Understanding the Methods and Models Behind Effective Community Engagement – August 9, 2023 – 1:00 PM EDT](#)
- [CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report Now Available](#)
- [NSP Monthly Financial Update Report for August 2023 Now Available](#)
- [HOME-ARP NCS Eligible Costs Handout Now Available](#)
- [Apply for the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program](#)



“The Peer Newsletter Vol. 2 Qt. 2, covers the Peer Leadership Development Workshop, which was held in different regions across the state, the recent HOME Illinois Summit from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, along with an article written by one of our Peers promoting the upcoming Peer Leadership Conference. Included is also a new resident spotlight and other announcements.”

<https://mailchi.mp/a8cc03429846/shpa-peer-leadership-newsletter-2nd-quarter-12691536>

[Supportive Housing Providers Association - YouTube](#)



MOTIVATIONAL MOMENT

“There's two possible outcomes: if the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery.” [Enrico Fermi](#)

OAT and OUTCOMES

As singer/songwriter Kenny Loggins sang, “This is It! Make no mistakes where you are!” August 4, 2023, we close out the Annual OAT Data Collection for SOAR Case Managers for the reporting period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

First and foremost, thanks to all that have inquired about the Data Collection process and participated in updating those pending applications in OAT. SOAR is beneficial to so many that are in need of connecting to mainstream benefits (i.e., SSI/SSDI) to end their crisis. According to SAMHSA (2022), In 2022 alone, there were 2,920 approvals on initial applications. Decisions on SOAR initial applications were received in an average of 153 days with an allowance rate of 68 percent. (SAMHSA, 2022)

National SOAR Outcomes 2022

2022 OUTCOMES

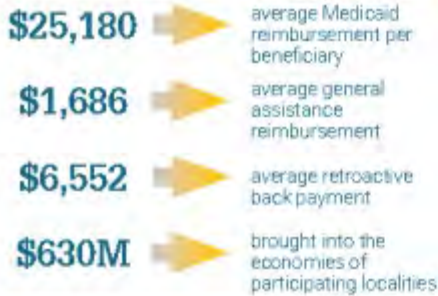
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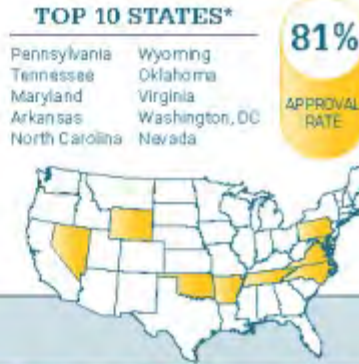
CUMULATIVE OUTCOMES



FINANCIAL OUTCOMES



TOP STATES



The SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance (TA) Center is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SOAR is a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults and children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

Contact SOAR: soar@pra.hhs.gov | (518) 439-7415 x2 | soarworks.samhsa.gov

*Inclusion: Highest cumulative approval rates on initial application for states with at least 300 cumulative decisions, at least 24 decisions in 2022 (2 per month), and a 2022 approval rate at or above the national average. Combined, these states had 20,551 decisions.

WHAT SSA WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

[Enhanced Representative Availability Process Enrollment](#)

the Enhanced Representative Availability Process, or ERAP, allowing appointed representatives to submit monthly availability for hearings before Administrative Law Judges.

Many representatives have already enrolled in the new process, and we've gotten great feedback! For those of you who have not yet enrolled, it's easy to get started

You can learn about the new process and how to get started on our [Hearings and Appeals Enhanced Representative Availability Process \(ERAP\)](#) page.

Enroll in ERAP as soon as possible. Availability submissions for March 2024, due by October 1, 2023, must be ERAP compliant and will only be accepted from enrolled representatives.

To submit availability for March 2024, you must complete the ERAP enrollment process no later than September 8, 2023. That allows us adequate time to process your enrollment request.

If you are not enrolled by September 8th, you will not be able to submit availability for March 2024 and we will assume you are fully available for scheduling. You can still enroll in ERAP after that time and begin submitting once we have processed your request.

We will continue to offer information sessions via MS Teams about the new process, throughout August 2023. If you have questions or would like to sign up for an information session, please call the ELU at 1-866-964-1714 or send an email to oho.nsd.nss.elu.general.inquiries@ssa.gov.

If you are seeking to increase your knowledge on SSA policies and procedures, please check out:

[A Guide to Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) for Groups and Organizations](#)

(<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11015.pdf>)

The public's knowledge about "Social Security" varies from the common person that knows very little about it to the advocates and experts like yourselves, that are familiar with our policies and procedures.

OTHER NEWS & RESOURCES:

HOUSING SEARCH?

- [Illinois Housing Search](#)
- [State Referral Network](#)
- [SHPA Interactive Supportive Housing Map](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:



Supportive Housing
TRAINING CENTER

- [HomeFront News: What's happening across the country in supportive housing...](#)



CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK

- [EMPOWERMENT SERIES 2023-2024](#) - Registration for the 2023-2024 Community Empowerment Workshop Series is OPEN!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

SOUTH SUBURBAN PADS: Street Outreach Coordinator

https://www.indeed.com/job/street-outreach-coordinator-0e92aef4f976baba?_gl=1*1ql55x9*_gcl_au*MTA2MDUxNTY3NC4xNjg3Nzk0NjUy

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