**The Office of Students in Transition:**

**SOAR**

[**SSI**](https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/) **/**[**SSDI**](https://www.ssa.gov/disability/)**, OUTREACH, ACCESS, AND RECOVERY**

**What is SOAR?**

SOAR is a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administrations (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.

**How do you gain access to SOAR?**

Jenn Camacho, Social Worker for the Office of Students in Transition with Springfield Public Schools, is SOAR certified! Please reach out to our office at 417-523-7587 for more information.

**How does SOAR benefit McKinney-Vento families?**

SOAR certification allows Jenn to assist families (even those that have been previously denied) throughout the SSI/SSDI application process.  By helping an individual gather necessary records, organize, complete, and submit the information properly, the probability of approval for SSI/SSDI greatly increases.  Providing another layer of support in this way, expands our capacity to assist families with obtaining stability.