

SOAR Dialogue Call January 2026

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NC COALITION to end
HOMELESSNESS

SSA Updates

COLA INCREASE:

Beneficiaries will see a 2.8% increase in their monthly payments beginning this month

Recipients with my SSA accounts can view their COLA notices online

The 2.8% adjustment is expected to boost average monthly payments by about \$56

All COLA info can be found at <https://www.ssa.gov/news/en/cola/index.html>

SGA Amounts:

The monthly SGA amount for statutorily blind individuals for 2026 is \$2830. For non-blind individuals, the monthly SGA amount for 2026 is \$1690

SSA SOAR Liaison Listing:

Has been revised and will be available in the NC SOAR Caseworker Shared Drive located at <https://ncceh.org/resources-for-caseworkers/>



2026 SSA Benefit Amounts

SSI:

- Individual: \$994
- Couple: \$1491

SSI Resources limits for individuals and couples hasn't changed:

- Individual: \$2000
- Couple: \$3000

SOAR Updates

SOAR Plus! Training dates for March have changed to Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th

- Registration link will be available online beginning February 1st and can be found in the SOAR Certification and Training section of our site at <https://ncceh.org/about-soar/>

Working on creating a SOAR Group Listserv for peer to peer support

- Questions and suggestions

Working on creating SOAR MSR FAST Scorecard for SOAR Certification

Completing Scorecards toward certification this month

Outcome Reporting Tool is nearing completion!!!

NCCEH Announcement

This month, NCCEH will be offering a **free virtual workshop on the fourth Thursday of each month from 2-3 PM**

January: Continuums of Care 101

Featured Speakers:

Shavona McCalep, Senior Homeless Services Specialist, ICF

Heather Dillashaw, Senior Manager of Housing & Community Development, ICF

Content:

Why do we have Continuums of Care and how do they function? What are the core activities of a Continuum of Care, and what funds do they administer? How does my organization apply for those funds? Who should participate, and how?

Who should attend:

Service providers, local government employees, elected officials, funders, concerned citizens -- anyone who wants to get a better understanding of how and why CoCs function the way they do, and how to optimize your CoC's efforts to achieve lasting housing solutions for those experiencing homelessness

[Click here to register!](#)

For questions: liz.carbone@ncceh.org



Time for Q&A, Reflections, Advice

The floor is open for you all to share!

Our next meeting will be held February 17th at 10 am and we will overview an SSA Blue Book Listing

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