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Please join Georgi Fisher to learn more about the SOAR program, to include who is eligible, benefits of the SOAR program, how to become SOAR certified, and how SOAR can assist you with linking individuals to expedited access to benefits.

## Georgi Fisher

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Georgi Fisher is the Housing and Benefits Coordinator for the Office of Community Housing at the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, where she oversees permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness and benefits processing for Commonwealth of Virginia facilities, supportive housing and community pre-release programs. Georgi is an expert in system coordination and system change, with a specific focus on building systems to address barriers in benefit acquisition and housing for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Georgi serves as the Virginia Lead for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Program.

Georgi has worked as a social worker for 20 years, spending the past ten in the field of homeless services. She has served as a Technical Expert on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service's Administration's (SAMHSA's) SOAR Expert Panel since 2019. Georgi is certified in SOAR, mass-casualty crisis response, and homicide risk assessment. She is further credentialed in forensic traumatology through the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and through the National Organization for Victim Assistance as an expert in homicide, domestic violence, sexual assault, and crime-victim program management.



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