Does your client need benefits?

The Health Care for the Homeless SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery) program helps clients experiencing homelessness with severe mental illness access benefits. Here’s how:

1. Ask your client these questions before referring them to our program:
   - Does a mental illness make it impossible for you to work?
   - Do you see a psychiatrist?
   - Do you need SSI or SSDI?

2. If they answer yes, contact our SOAR Coordinator:
   - Tristan Roberts, SOAR Coordinator
     - troberts@hchmd.org | 443-703-1485
   - One of our Disability Assistance Outreach Specialists will follow up
     - Shantelle Jackson
     - Rachel Masciarelli
     - Marc Bowman

3. Once connected, we’ll:
   - Assess their needs
   - Write a medical summary
   - Gather medical records
   - Fill out applications
   - Send it all to SSA
   - Share important updates
   - Wait for the decision

And it works!

90% of initial SOAR claims in Baltimore are approved in an average of 65 days!