



Tools For Success

SOAR Program Offices and Locations

Contact the Education/
Employment Coordinator

District Office
1299 North Orchard, Ste 110
Boise, Id 83706
208-658-2066

District 4
8752 Fairview Ave.
Boise, Id 83706
208-327-7008

District 1
202 Anton, Suite 100
Coeur d 'Alene, Id 83815
208-769-1444

District 5
594 Washington St. So.
Twin Falls, Id 83301
208-736-3080

District 2
908 Idaho Street
Lewiston, Id 83501
208-799-5030

District 6
1135 Yellowstone, Suite K
Pocatello, Id 83201
208-237-9194

District 3
612 Main Street
Caldwell, Id 83605
208-454-7601

District 7
2048 East 17th Street
Idaho Falls, Id 83404
208-528-4220

- **Take responsibility for yourself**
Recognize that in order to succeed you need to make decisions about priorities, time, and resources.
- **Center yourself around your values and principles**
Don't let friends and acquaintances dictate what you consider important.
- **Put first things first**
Follow up on the priorities you have set for yourself, and don't let others distract you from your goals.
- **Discover your key productivity time and places**
Morning, afternoon, or evening? Find spaces where you can be the most focused and productive. Prioritize these for your most difficult study challenges.
- **Consider yourself in a win-win situation**
When you contribute your best to a class, you, everyone benefits. Your grade can then be one additional check on your performance.
- **Look for better solutions to problems**
For example, if you don't understand the course material, don't just re-read it. Try something else! Consult with the instructor, or a tutor.
- **Look to change yourself for you**
You are the focus of change. Decide who you want to be and do everything you can to be that person!

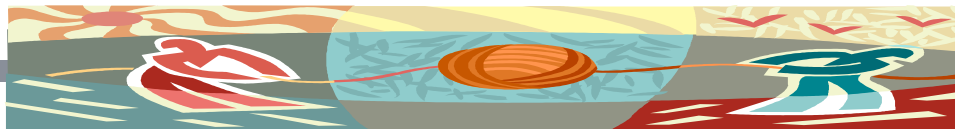
Idaho Department of Correction



SOAR

Student Opportunities Against Recidivism





What is SOAR?

Funded under Title 1, Student Opportunities Against Recidivism (SOAR) is a program developed by the Idaho Department of Corrections to provide educational resources and outreach to youthful offenders, ages 16 to 21 years old, on probation and parole.

SOAR instructors are certified teachers and Ameri-Corps members that provide assistance to offenders who are studying to obtain a GED. The program also offers a basic finance course and workforce “soft” skills instruction. In addition to offering in-house classes and one-on-one instruction, usually at a probation and parole office, instructors make use of community resources (usually a college or the Department of Labor) to provide instruction and job training.



Participation in SOAR is provided at no cost to offenders. Although most offenders are referred to this program by their probation/parole officer, offenders in need of a GED or who are interested in participating in any of the program offerings are welcome to contact SOAR staff directly.

Services Offered By SOAR

SOAR staff provides both onsite assistance and outside referrals to assist our clients in achieving their educational and workforce goals.

SOAR offers GED tutoring and classes in all five of the GED test areas, and practice testing in each of the core content areas: Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics.

SOAR offers job preparation and workforce soft skills, which include: application and resume writing, interviewing techniques, meeting employer expectations, knowing the skills necessary to keep a job, and maintaining both a professional personal appearance and demeanor in the workplace.

SOAR offers financial planning classes based on the National Endowment for Financial Education curriculum, which focuses on the fundamentals of basic personal financial planning and money management skills.

SOAR staff works closely with community resources and refer offenders out to appropriate programs.

Community Partners:

Idaho Department of Labor

Career Information Systems (CIS)

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Workforce Readiness Classes

Local Community Colleges

Adult Basic Education (ABE) Centers

GED Testing, Classes and Tutoring

Local High Schools

GED Readiness Classes

Tutoring and Classes

Practice Testing for GED

Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Works with Individuals with Disabilities

Provides Vocational Counseling and Support

TRIO

Creates an Education Plan

Searches For Schools and Programs

Financial Aid Counseling

Advise for GED/study skills preparation