

Creating Collective Impact: The SOAR Approach

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SOAR

Shaping Our Appalachian Region

Unique Kentucky Challenges

- County Lines
- Family Names
- Friday Night Lights
- Listening to Old Tapes
- Stories We Tell Ourselves

2014 SOAR Program of Work

Plan the Work:

I. SOAR Summit (December)

Goals: Renew Hope and Commitment
Build Regional Identity and Collaboration
Surface Ideas and Innovations

II. SOAR Development (January-May)

Goals: Build an Organization
Create a Leadership Commitment /
Common Vision
Seek Resources
Frame a Program of Work



Plan the Work:

III. SOAR Working Group Process (June-August)

Goals: Enhance Citizen Engagement / Dialogue
Craft Specific Recommendations
Present Collaborative Action Opportunities
to the Region

IV. SOAR 2025 Futures Forum

Goals: Use Working Group Report to Begin Long
Term Visioning
Identify Ten Year SOAR Goals
Create Metrics to Assess Progress Yearly



SOAR Framework

- Renewed Commitment to the State's Social Contract
- Cadenced Triage Timeline
 - With Workers, Families, Firms – Immediate
 - With Communities, Regions – Intermediate
 - With Future Generations – Longer Term



Assignment: Prioritize Regional Innovation Ideas That:

- Complement, not Compete
- Build on and Add Value to Work of Others
- Seek and Advance New Approaches, at Regional Scale
- Spread Impact of Successful, Evidence-Based Policy and Practice
- Strengthen Regional Collaboration and Identity



Guidelines for Prioritization

- Will Not Happen, Unless SOAR:
 - Assists, Nudges, or Advocates
- Will Add True Value to Others' Work
- Will Be Achieved through SOAR not by SOAR
 - True Servant Intermediary



Work the Plan:

I. 2015 Year One Priorities (September-November)

Goals: Priorities Discussed / Aligned Where Possible

Founding Executive Director Hired
Region's Leaders, Organizations,
Institutions and Governments Asked
to Engage



Work the Plan:

II. 2015 SOAR Summit and Action Teams (January-Ongoing)

Goals: Generate Regional Buy-In and
Responsibility for Recommended Action
Leadership / Teams Established, Work
Begins
Year One Priorities Now Being Addressed



Eight Forms of Rural Wealth / Health

Physical

Financial

Natural

Human

Intellectual

Social

Cultural

Political

The Framework for Regional Rural Innovation



Critical Internal Considerations

- Wealth Creation and Intergenerational Wealth Retention
- Youth Engagement, Retention, and Leadership Expression
- Social Inclusion and Social Equity

Five Conditions for Collective Impact Success

I. Common Agenda

- Clear vision for change

II. Mutually Reinforcing Activities

- Differentiated, but still coordinated

III. Backbone Organization

- Serves entire initiative, coordinating participating organizations, firms and agencies



Five Conditions for Collective Impact Success (cont'd)

IV. Continuous Communication

- Consistent, open, unmediated

V. Rigorous and Shared Measurement

- Collecting predictive indicators, regional data: then measuring ongoing results, consistently



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