

Hi,

My name is Michael Chaires and I'm a graduate of UNFs SOAR Cohort12. I'm currently a school counselor at Palatka High School, which is in Putnam County. We're a rural district, but we experience many of the same issues you would find in an urban setting.

I think the SOAR Program did an excellent job of preparing me for my role today. The classroom as well as the field experiences helped me learn many of the tools that I use on a daily basis.

If I had to pinpoint one great strength for SOAR, I would have a hard time with that because I think it has a lot of great strengths. My favorite is probably the experience of the faculty as well as their intent on getting to know their students. I think those are intangibles that are immeasurable.