

# LANGUAGE MATTERS!

Language can impact how people experience and access substance use care. What you say matters.

## INSTEAD OF SAYING:

Abuse	»»
Addict / Junkies / Abuser	»»
Alcoholic	»»
Clean / Sober	»»
Dirty	»»
Habit / drug habit / drug problem	»»
Replacement or substitution therapy	»»
Detox	»»
Relapse	»»

## USE THESE WORDS:

Use
Person with substance use disorder
Person with alcohol use disorder
Person in recovery
Used, (screen) positive / negative
Substance use disorder
Medication assisted recovery
Withdrawal management
Return to use