

Reduce negativity and stigma around substance use disorders by changing your language.

	Stigmatized Language (Not this)	Preferred Language (Use this)	
	Addict/User	Person with a substance use disorder	
	Addicted to [alcohol/drug]	Has an [alcohol/drug] use disorder	
	Alcoholic/Drunk	Person with an alcohol use disorder	
	Clean	Abstinent	
	Clean screen	Substance-free	
	Dirty	Actively using	
	Dirty Screen	Testing positive for substance use	
	Drug abuser [crack head/meth head]	Person in active use	
	Drug habit	Regular substance use	
	Lapse / Relapse / Slip	Resumed substance use	
	Medication Assisted Treatment	Medication for Opioid Use Disorders	
	Opiate addict	Person with an opioid use disorder	
	Reformed addict or alcoholic	Person in recovery	
	Substance abuse	Substance use disorder	
	Substance abuser	Person with a substance use disorder	