

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