

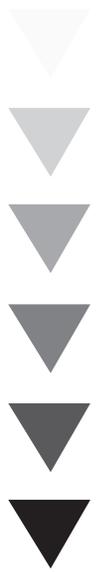
Someone you know is facing a substance use disorder right now.

How we talk about substance use in our everyday lives has an impact on how likely that person is to seek and successfully complete treatment. Adjusting our language is one of the simplest ways we can support each other and reduce stigma and discrimination.

FOR INSTANCE,



YOUR WORDS.
YOUR POWER.
CHOOSE KINDNESS.



INSTEAD OF THIS...

SAY THIS...

Addict / junkie / druggie	→	Person with a (serious) substance use disorder
Addicted to X	→	Person with a (serious) X use disorder
Alcoholic	→	Person with a (serious) alcohol use disorder
Clean screen / clean test	→	Testing negative for substances
Dirty screen / dirty test	→	Testing positive for substances; actively using
Drug habit	→	Substance use disorder; compulsive or regular substance use
Drug / substance abuser	→	Person with a substance use disorder
Drug offender	→	Person arrested for drug violation
Former / reformed addict or alcoholic	→	Person in (long-term) recovery
Relapsed	→	Had a setback / resumed use
Stayed clean	→	Maintained recovery

LOVE THE PERSON.
FIGHT THE DISEASE.



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