

Words Matter

Changing our language improves outcomes for those struggling with addiction.

Choose supportive, nonjudgmental words that treat people with respect and compassion.

Say this ✓

- Substance Use Disorder
- Drug misuse, harmful use
- Not actively using
- Actively using
- Medication-Assisted Treatment

Avoid this ✗

- Addict
- Drug abuse
- Clean
- Dirty
- Opioid replacement

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