

WORDS MATTER

Person first language helps create an inclusive environment that promotes treatment and respect.



Avoid...

Addict

Drug Abuser

Alcoholic

Former/Reformed Addict/Alcoholic

Drug problem, Drug Habit

Drug Abuse

Clean

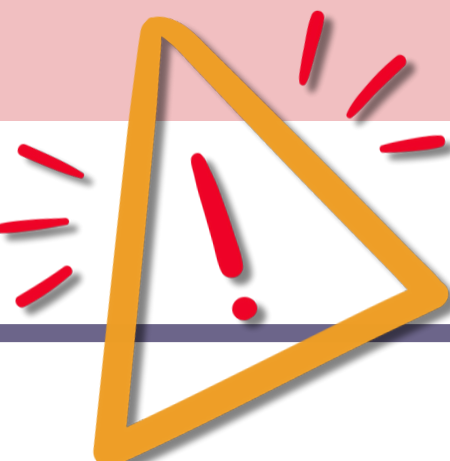
Dirty

A clean drug screen

A dirty drug screen

Detoxification

Opioid replacement, methadone maintenance, or medication assisted treatment



Use...

Person with substance use disorder

Person with alcohol use disorder

Person in recovery

Substance use disorder

Drug misuse

Abstinent, not actively using

Actively using

Testing negative for substance use

Testing positive for substance use

Withdrawal management

Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD)

