

WORDS MATTER!

Misconceptions, fear and stigma about substance use issues can prevent people from seeking needed treatment or support. Use these tips to reduce bias, improve communication, and assist people in connecting to resources.

USE THIS

Person with a substance use issue ✓

Positive urine test ✓

Negative urine test ✓

Newborn exposed to substances ✓

Person who uses cannabis ✓

Person in recovery ✓

Substance use issue ✓

Recurrence of use ✓

INSTEAD OF THIS

Drunk, addict, junkie, abuser

Dirty urine test

Clean urine test

Crack baby

Pot head, stoner

Former addict, clean and sober

Addiction, drug problems

Relapse, slip, fall off the wagon



If someone you know has substance use issues and wants to change, you can provide information on local programs or suggest the SAMHSA treatment locator: [findtreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov)



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