

YOUR WORDS MATTER

INSTEAD OF...

Addict

SAY...

Person with Substance Use Disorder or Person Who Uses Drugs

INSTEAD OF...

Dirty

SAY...

Person Currently Using Substances or Positive

INSTEAD OF...

User

SAY...

Person actively using substances

INSTEAD OF...

Recovering Addict

SAY...

Person in Active Recovery (which has a range of definitions but typically refers to someone who is stopping or at least reducing substance use to a safer level and reflects a process of change)

INSTEAD OF...

Clean

SAY...

Person Not Currently Using Substances or Negative

INSTEAD OF...

Junkie

SAY...

Person with Substance Use Disorder

INSTEAD OF...

Recreational Drug User

SAY...

Person who Occasionally Uses Drugs

INSTEAD OF...

Replacement Drug

SAY...

Medication-Assisted Treatment (methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, - which are not replacement drugs or substitution they help reduce cravings and withdrawal and restore balance to brain circuits to enhance healing and work toward recovery)



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