

Know  
the  
facts.



# HOW WE TALK ABOUT ADDICTION MATTERS

## Reduce the Stigma

### SAY THIS

Person with substance use disorder

Disease

Person living in recovery

Person arrested for a drug violation

Substance dependent

Medication is a treatment tool

Had a setback

Maintained recovery; substance-free

Negative drug screen

Positive drug screen

### NOT THIS

Addict, user, druggie, junkie, abuser

Drug habit

Ex-addict

Drug offender

Hooked

Medication is a crutch

Relapsed

Stayed clean

Clean

Dirty drug screen

Find addiction treatment that meets your needs at [TreatmentAtlas.org](https://TreatmentAtlas.org)  
Dial 2-1-1 to get connected to local treatment and recovery resources  
Call 9-8-8 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and speak with a trained crisis specialist



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These photos do not represent individuals suffering from substance use disorder or living in recovery.