

“Say This, Not That” Pocket Guide

Language Matters

Say This	Not That
Person with a substance use disorder (SUD)	<i>Addict, junkie, frequent-flyer, drug abuser</i>
Person in recovery (PIR)	<i>Ex-addict</i>
Living with a substance use disorder	<i>Battling/Suffering from an addiction</i>
Person arrested for a drug violation	<i>Drug offender</i>
Choose not to at this time	<i>Non-compliant</i>
Medication is a treatment tool	<i>Medication is a crutch</i>
Maintained recovery	<i>Stayed clean</i>
Positive, negative, substance-free drug screen	<i>Dirty drug screen</i>
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