



# Change The Course of a Conversation

When you stop the negativity and modify the narrative, you can change the course of a conversation. Opioid use disorder is not a weakness nor a choice, it's a medical condition. Encouraging words can be healing, release blame, and release shame. Help us free Calhoun County from opioid stigma. Choose new words to make an impact and end the stigma of opioid use disorder.



Stigmatizing Language	Preferred Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addict</li> <li>• Drug Abuser</li> <li>• Junkie</li> <li>• User</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person with a SUD (substance use disorder)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Habit</li> <li>• Opioid Abuse</li> <li>• Problem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance use disorder or addiction</li> <li>• Use, misuse</li> <li>• Risky, unhealthy, or heavy use</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean</li> <li>• Reformed Addict</li> <li>• Clean, Dirty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In recovery</li> <li>• Abstinent</li> <li>• Positive, negative (toxicology screen results)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid Replacement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication Assisted Treatment (ACT)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stayed Clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance-free</li> </ul>



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