# PREFERRED TERMS FOR SELECT POPULATIONS



#### PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

Instead of: inmates criminals convicts

#### PEOPLE LIVING WITH (DIAGNOSIS)

Instead of: HIV patients monkeypox cases epileptics/diabetics

#### PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

Instead of: addicts alcoholics drug abusers



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#### PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERSERVED BY...

Instead of:
the underserved
the uninsured
hard-to-reach

### PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS/ UNSTABLE HOUSING

Instead of: the homeless transients

### PEOPLE WITH UNDOCUMENTED STATUS

Instead of: illegals illegal aliens

#### PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES

Instead of: the poor poor people poverty-stricken

### PEOPLE LIVING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS

Instead of: crazy people mentally ill

### OLDER ADULTS OR PERSONS AGED (NUMERIC AGE GROUP)

Instead of: the elderly seniors



#### PEOPLE AT AN INCREASED RISK FOR...

Instead of:
high-risk people
vulnerable people
priority populations

#### PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN RURAL AREAS

Instead of: rural people frontier people country people

#### PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONAL SEX/ SEX WORK

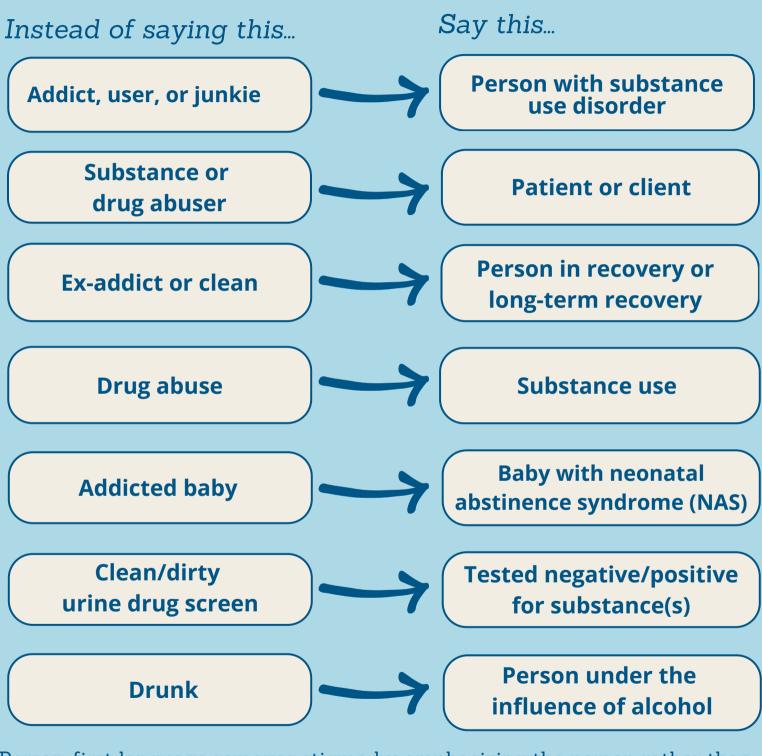
Instead of: prostitutes prostitution

## SIMPLE LANGUAGE CHANGES CAN HELP REDUCE STIGMA!



#### THE LANGUAGE WE USE MATTERS

Language is powerful - especially when talking about substance use.



Person-first language removes stigma by emphasizing the <u>person</u> rather than their diagnosis. Person-first language reframes the situation by removing stigmatizing language and creating a non-judgmental environment for positive interactions between patients and providers, leading to better rapport and health outcomes..