

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS: YOUR LANGUAGE MATTERS!

THINK ABOUT the WORDS YOU USE with PATIENTS, FAMILIES, and CARERS WHEN TALKING ABOUT ALCOHOL & DRUGS.

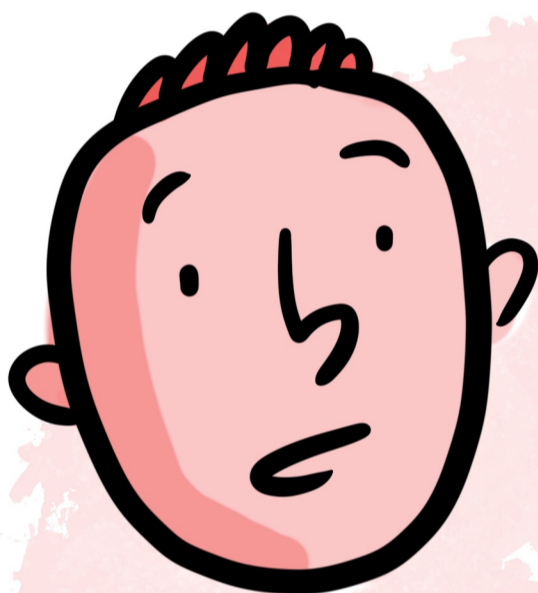
IT CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT their CARE and ASKING for HELP!



INSTEAD
of SAYING...



GO SAY THIS...

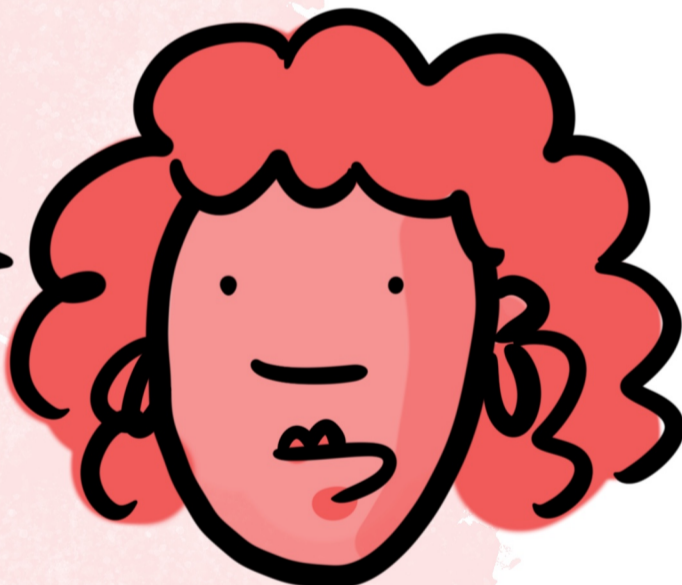


JUNKIE
DRUG USER/
ABUSER
DRUG ADDICT
ALCOHOLIC

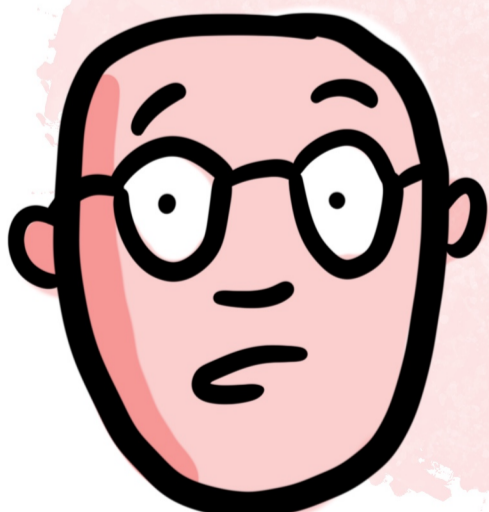


PERSON WHO
USES ALCOHOL or
OTHER DRUGS
EXPERIENCING
SUBSTANCE
DEPENDENCE
PERSON with AOD
CONCERNS

SUBSTANCE
ABUSE
MISUSE
NON-COMPLIANT
USE



HIGH-RISK
SUBSTANCE USE
NON-
PRESCRIBED
USE



CLEAN/SOBER
EX-ADDICT
FORMER ADDICT
USED to be
a JUNKIE



CURRENTLY
ABSTINENT
NO LONGER
SUBSTANCE
DEPENDENT
PERSON WITH LIVED
EXPERIENCE OF DRUG
USE /DEPENDENCE