

## Opioid Use Disorder and Non-Stigmatizing Language

### *The words we use matter*

#### **Positive**

Person with opioid use disorder

Recurrence of use/disease

Medication treatment, medication for opioid use disorder

Urine drug screen negative/positive for opioids

Person in long-term recovery

Intoxicated

In recovery, disease in remission

Using prescribed medication not as directed/more than prescribed

Substance use disorder

#### **Negative**

Substance abuser, junkie, addict

Relapse

Medication assisted treatment, opioid substitution therapy

Clean/dirty drug screen

Recovering addict

Wasted, strung out, high

Clean

Prescription drug abuser

Substance abuse/dependence, drug habit