**Responses related to stigma**

* stigma
* Comfort level of persons recovering coming to church and being identified.
* Sistersville- “those people” Us/them-they have to be like us.
* Overcoming the stigma and shame of substance use disorder
* People are in the closet
* If problem does not directly affect me why get involved or why help “those people” if the money goes to drugs
* Hopelessness- don’t see a future for themselves.
* Overcome and be able to talk openly about it.
* education to remove the stigma associated with substance use disorders
* Acceptance
* Human understanding
* discuss freely, invite dialogue
* a place to belong
* lack of stigma
* stigma of abuse
* changes in attitude to break the stigma and help families
* Breaking the shame
* stigma both ways
* Judgementalism
* The acceptance among community that this is a priority issue
* relationship
* Too late

**Responses related to leadership resources**

* Church support volunteers
* experienced leaders and mentors
* people to be leaders in the program

**Responses related to stigma and attitude**

* Message of hope-convey message of hope
* Churches need to love them like Jesus.
* acknowledging the problem
* Church leadership to gain accepting attitude so it can trickle down.
* Hear stories
* Advocacy- removing stigma

To provide guidance on communicating effectively, the Office of National Drug Control Policy released in 2015 a draft of preferred language for referring to addiction-related terms.

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| Stigmatizing Addiction Language | |
| Stigmatizing Language | Preferred Language |
| Addict | Person with a substance use disorder |
| Addicted to X | Has a X use disorder |
| Addiction | Substance use disorder |
| Alcoholic | Person with an [alcohol use disorder](https://www.drugrehab.com/addiction/alcohol/) |
| Clean | Abstinent |
| Clean screen | Substance-free |
| Dirty | Actively using |
| Dirty screen | Testing positive for substance use |
| Drug habit | Regular substance use |
| Drug abuser | Person who uses drugs |
| Reformed addict or alcoholic | Person in recovery |
| Opioid replacement | [Medication-assisted treatment](https://www.drugrehab.com/treatment/medication-assisted/) |
| Recreational or casual user | Person who uses drugs for nonmedical reasons |
| Experimental user | Person who is new to drug use |

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy

* 62 percent would work with someone with a mental illness.
* 22 percent would work with someone with a substance use disorder.
* 64 percent believed employers should be able to deny employment to people affected by addiction.
* 25 percent believed employers should be able to deny employment to those affected by a mental illness.
* 43 percent opposed giving individuals with substance use disorders the same health insurance benefits granted to otherwise healthy individuals.
* 21 percent opposed giving those with mental illness the same health insurance benefits given to otherwise healthy individuals.