

Language of Recovery

Current Terminology

Treatment is the goal;

Treatment is the only way into Recovery

Untreated Addict/Alcoholic

Substance Abuse

Drug of Choice / Abuse

Denial

Relapse Prevention

Pathology Based Assessment

Focus is on total abstinence from all illicit and non-prescribed substances the CLINICIAN identifies

A Drug is a Drug is a Drug

Relapse

Relapse is part of Recovery

Clean / Sober

Self Help Group

Drug Overdose

Graduate from Treatment

Alternative Terminology

Treatment is an opportunity for initiation into recovery (one of multiple pathways into recovery)

Individual not yet in Recovery

Substance Use Disorder/Addiction/
Substance Misuse

Drug of Use

Ambivalence

Recovery Management

Strength / Asset Based Assessment

Focus on the drug CLIENT feels is creating the problems

Each illicit substance has unique interactions with the brain; medication if available is appropriate.

Recurrence/Return to Use

Recurrence/Return to Use may occur as part of the disease

Drug Free / Free from illicit and non-prescribed medications

Mutual Aid Group

Drug Poisoning

Commence Recovery