

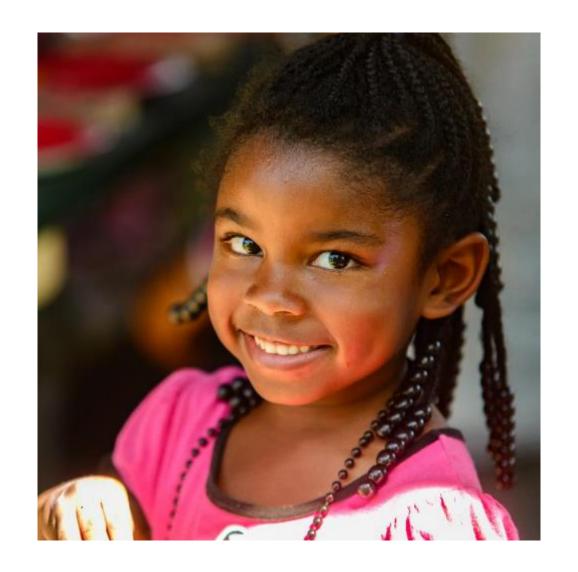
Why Is Language Important

- Acknowledge the value of the person, show respect
- Create a welcoming environment
- Reduce stigma
- Build community rather than creating a sense of "other"



What is Person-First Language?

A way of using language that describes a trait or diagnosis as something a person has rather than as who they are. People are more than just their diagnosis.





Using Person-First Language

Rebecca is bipolar.

Rebecca has bipolar disorder.

Rebecca lives with bipolar disorder.

Rebecca experiences bipolar disorder.

Homeless individuals

Individuals experiencing homelessness

John was homeless.

John experienced homelessness.

