

# Language Matters

## *Choosing Compassionate & Accurate Language*



Died of/by Suicide *vs* ~~Committed Suicide~~

Suicide *vs* ~~Successful Attempt~~

Suicide Attempt *vs* ~~Unsuccessful Attempt~~

Describe Behavior *vs* ~~Manipulative/Attention Seeking~~

Describe Behavior *vs* ~~Suicidal Gesture/Cry for Help~~

Diagnosed with *vs* ~~they're Borderline/Schizophrenic~~

Working with *vs* ~~Dealing with Suicidal Patients~~

