Reasons for Change and Ambivalence - Review journal

Review an attempt at reasons for change and ambivalence and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: Jordan wants fewer consequences and worries about losing a familiar coping strategy.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Mixed feelings can be explored without demanding readiness.

Practice task

Place reasons to change, reasons to hesitate, and needed supports in separate columns.

1. What I tried, or what happened in the fictional example:

2. What I noticed before, during, and after; what remains uncertain:

3. What helped, did not help, or was outside my control:

4. What deserves understanding before a next step is chosen? My optional adjustment or support request:

Scope and adaptation

Adapt to individualized assessment and the person's chosen recovery goals. Worksheets do not manage intoxication, overdose, or withdrawal. Abrupt cessation of alcohol or benzodiazepines can be dangerous: seek medical guidance rather than using a worksheet to stop or taper. Follow existing emergency and overdose-prevention plans; medication choices belong with qualified prescribers.

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