# Internal Triggers of Substance Abuse CBT Worksheet

**Patient Information** 

Name:

Date of Birth:

Date:

# **Therapist/Provider Information**

Name:

Credentials:

**Contact Information:** 

#### Worksheet Purpose:

This worksheet aims to help the patient identify and address internal triggers associated with substance abuse, providing a foundation for personalized treatment and recovery planning.

#### Instructions

#### **Identification of Triggers**

- 1. Ask the patient to list internal triggers such as emotions, thoughts, or situations that lead to substance use.
- 2. Encourage the patient to be specific and provide examples.

## **Trigger Analysis**

- 1. For each identified trigger, prompt the patient to delve deeper:
  - Why does this trigger have such an impact?
  - How does it relate to their substance use?

# **Coping Strategies Development**

- 1. Guide the patient in brainstorming healthy coping strategies for each trigger.
- 2. Emphasize the importance of practical and achievable strategies.

## **Action Plan Creation**

- 1. Work with the patient to develop an action plan based on the triggers and coping strategies.
- 2. The plan should outline what the patient will do when faced with each trigger to avoid substance use.

## **Regular Review and Adjustment**

- 1. Stress the need for regular review and adjustment of the worksheet as progress is made.
- 2. Encourage the patient to revisit and revise triggers and strategies as necessary.

#### **Notes and Recommendations**

- Document any additional insights, observations, or recommendations during the session.
- Consider sharing a copy of the completed worksheet with the patient for their reference and continued self-reflection.