

## **ADHD**

# Rejection Sensitivity.

**Strategies** 

Rejection sensitivity refers to an individual's heightened sensitivity to perceived rejection or criticism from others, often leading to intense emotional reactions. Here are some strategies to manage rejection sensitivity:



#### Identify and Challenge Negative Thought Patterns:

Recognize and challenge any irrational or overly negative thoughts related to rejection. Use cognitive restructuring techniques to replace them with more balanced and realistic thoughts.

Develop Self-Compassion: Practice self-compassion by treating yourself with kindness and understanding, especially when faced with rejection. Remind yourself that everyone experiences rejection at some point and that it doesn't define your worth as a person.

Increase Self-Awareness: Pay attention to your emotional triggers and patterns of thinking associated with rejection sensitivity. By becoming more aware of your reactions, you can better manage them and choose more adaptive responses.

Set Realistic Expectations: Understand that not everyone will respond positively to you or your ideas, and that's okay. Set realistic expectations for social interactions and recognize that rejection is a normal part of life.

Practice Mindfulness: Engage in mindfulness practices such as meditation or deep breathing to help you stay present in the moment and reduce emotional reactivity to perceived rejection.

Seek Reassurance When Necessary: If you're unsure about how someone feels about you or a situation, don't hesitate to seek clarification or reassurance from them. This can help alleviate feelings of rejection and uncertainty.

Focus on Building Resilience: Develop resilience by cultivating a strong sense of self-worth, building coping skills, and learning from past experiences of rejection. Remember that resilience is a skill that can be developed over time.

Expand Your Social Support Network: Surround yourself with supportive and understanding individuals who can provide validation and encouragement during times of rejection. Having a strong support network can help buffer the impact of perceived rejection.

Practice Assertiveness: Assertively communicate your needs, preferences, and boundaries in social interactions. This can help reduce the likelihood of miscommunication or misunderstanding that may lead to feelings of rejection.

Seek Professional Help if Needed: If rejection sensitivity significantly impacts your daily functioning or mental well-being, consider seeking support from a therapist or counselor who can provide strategies tailored to your specific needs.

Remember that managing rejection sensitivity is a gradual process that may require ongoing effort and practice. Be patient with yourself and celebrate small victories along the way.

