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ERP Practice Diary

Date: _____

Pre-Exposure Planning

1. Exposure target:

2. What is my SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) goal?

3. What do I fear will happen when I complete my ERP? How likely is it that the outcome I fear will happen, from 0 to 100 percent?

4. How has my OCD interfered with engaging in meaningful activities related to my goal?

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5. What values are related to my ERP goal? Take a few minutes to slow down and describe what is important to you about your ERP goal. As you write, notice your emotions, bodily sensations, thoughts, and mental images.

6. After completing my exposure task, I will practice response prevention (RP) by not engaging in compulsions or avoidant behaviors by doing the following:

Post-Exposure Debriefing

1. What did I experience during and after completing my ERP?

2. What did I learn from my experience? In what ways was I surprised?