Worksheet 5.2: UP Case Conceptualization Worksheet

PRESENTING PROBLEMS:

- Trouble finishing work assignments on time
- "Overthinking" interactions with coworkers
- Anxiety when presenting at meetings
- Unhappy with social circle

STRONG UNCOMFORTABLE EMOTIONS:

- Anxiety about interactions, work
- Fear of embarrassment when presenting
- Sadness about lack of friends

AVERSIVE REACTIONS:

- "Can't get anything done when I'm stressed at work"
- Fearful of blushing
- "It's stupid to feel bad because it's my fault I don't have friends"

AVOIDANT COPING

SITUATIONAL AVOIDANCE/ESCAPE: Turn down opportunity to lead meeting, leave work events early, reluctant to reach out to old friends

SUBTLE BEHAVIORAL AVOIDANCE: Procrastinate on work assignments, poor eye contact when talking to coworkers, rush through presentations

COGNITIVE AVOIDANCE: Start watching TV when think about being lonely, take a nap avoid thinking about upcoming presentation

SAFETY SIGNALS: Only socializes with sister present

TREATMENT PLAN: FOCUS / APPLICATION OF CORE MODULES

MODULE 3: Practice nonjudgment about having few friends, anchor in the present when worried about work at home

MODULE 4: Decatastrophize making a mistake at work, reframe likelihood of being rejected by old friends

MODULE 5: Practice alternative actions (e.g. talk slowly when presenting)

MODULE 6: Exposure to blushing (pinching cheeks, drinking hot beverge, wearing heavy coat) - later combine this with public speaking exposure

MODULE 7: Emotion exposure: Call old friend, give speech at work, start work assignment immediately