

A quick guide to help you manage ADHD symptoms with simple steps to plan, organize and follow through.

# F - Figure Out Your First Step

- Start small, then go even smaller.
- Ask yourself: "What's the very first thing I can do?"
- **Break** the task into something that takes 5–10 minutes.
- **Choose** a clear, concrete first step (e.g., instead of "do laundry," try "gather the clothes").

# O – Organize What You Need

- Set yourself up before you start.
- Gather your tools, notes, or supplies.
- Use one calendar and one to-do list to avoid mental clutter.
- **Keep** systems simple—color code, label, or group tasks.



#### **C - Center Your Attention**

- Focus on one thing at a time.
- Turn off notifications or use Do Not Disturb mode.
- Try the 25–5 method: 25 minutes focused work, 5-minute break.
- Create a clear, anchored workspace with music or headphones if helpful.

### U - Use Helpful Reminders

- Remember your brain is for ideas, not storage.
- Set phone alarms, sticky notes, or visual cues.
- Pair habits with routines: "After I brush my teeth, I'll take my meds."
- Place reminders where you'll see them & not buried in an app.

### S – Stick With It (or Come Back to It)

- Accept that progress isn't always linear—and that's okay.
- Break bigger projects into smaller chunks across days.
- Celebrate small wins and partial progress.
- Pause and reset if you lose focus, then re-enter when you're ready.

**Remember:** You don't need to overhaul your life. You just need a plan that works with your brain.