

# An Overview of Early Stage Psychosis

## What is Early Stage Psychosis?



Early Stage Psychosis is when a person starts showing signs of losing contact with reality.

## Prevalence of Early Stage Psychosis

**3/100**

people experience psychosis at some point of their lives

**100,000**

teens in the US experience their 1st episode each year

## Common Symptoms of Psychosis

- Drop in grades/job performance
- Trouble thinking clearly
- Suspiciousness around others
- Strong emotions
- Hear/see/taste things others don't
- Hang onto unusual beliefs/thoughts
- Auditory/Visual/Tactile hallucinations



## Causes and Risk Factors for Psychosis



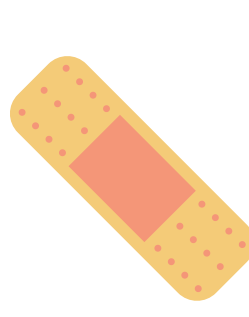
Genetics



Drugs/Alcohol Abuse



Trauma



Head Injuries



Physical/Mental Illness

## Diagnosis and Treatment

A psychologist, psychiatrist, or a social worker can help identify and diagnose psychosis



Medicine, therapy, social services and work/education support may be combined to help treat symptoms of psychosis

