

When Things Feel Off: Collaboration Between Psychotherapy & Assessment in Work with Thought Disorder & Prodromal Presentations

PRESENTERS:

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**MAY 13, 2026
6:30PM - 8:00PM
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Prodromal presentations and symptoms of psychosis are comparatively rare presentations in adolescent patient populations. Nonetheless, they do occur and can present complex challenges for treating clinicians. This workshop aims to provide information about what characterizes psychotic presentations and how they may present in the therapy room, how to avoid diagnostic overshadowing by pre-existing conditions such as autism, and how differential diagnosis and comorbidity add complexity to referral question and assessment process; we will discuss what tools assessors may use when considering these questions in an assessment.

Drs. Morsa and Weicker will review relevant literature and then share a case presentation of collaboration between therapist and assessor. This highlights the value of coordinated care in these cases, along with the importance of multidisciplinary interventions.

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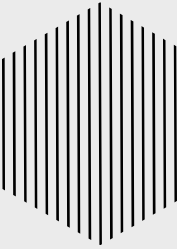


CE Credits: 1.5 CE Hours

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify key prodromal signs of psychosis in adolescents and apply 2-3 assessment tools for differential diagnosis.
- Describe 3 breakdowns in how research into schizophrenia and psychosis is misrepresented to the professional community and the public and identify specific risks this poses to effective clinical care with this population.
- Explain two collaborative strategies and multidisciplinary interventions to support early identification and treatment of psychosis in adolescents.



LEARNING LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

This workshop is useful for psychologists with limited experience in the field.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Dr. Ben Morsa is a licensed clinical psychologist who provides psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, psychological assessment and consultation to organizations, therapists, and assessors. He works in the group practice Tide Pools, a psychological corporation. His clinical work and scholarship focus on autism, gender diversity, queer history and experience, masculinity and the interaction of psychoanalysis and psychological assessment. His forthcoming book *Farewell Diagnosis: Diffracting Psychoanalysis, Autism, and Assessment* (Bloomsbury, in press) explores the affordances and limitations of diagnosis.

Dr. Anna Weicker is a licensed clinical psychologist at Tide Pools and provides psychotherapy and psychological assessments to children, teens, and adults, along with supervision and consultation. Their most abiding interests include trauma, autism, gender diversity, queerness in all its forms, fascism as a psychic and societal phenomenon, and intergenerational healing.