

Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) 2021: Year in Review

The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act, otherwise known as M109, passed in November 2020. As we near the one-year anniversary of its passage, we want to highlight the many achievements that have been made in the early stages of the development period.

- The Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board reviewed available medical, psychological, and scientific studies, research, and other information related to the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating mental health conditions. The first publication of the available science and research was published by the Oregon Health Authority on July 30, 2021, and has been also translated into Spanish.
- Oregon Psilocybin Services refreshed its [website](#) in September 2021 to ensure ease of access to information for stakeholders, partners, and members of the public. The website redesign will offer opportunities for the public to access information as we build out the program, including for listening sessions, rulemaking, and research updates.
- Oregon Psilocybin Services conducted listening sessions on December 13-15, 2021, to provide an overview of Oregon Psilocybin Services and M109 and to hear from the public. Additional public listening sessions will take place in the summer of 2022. Recordings from the public listening sessions as well as a summary document have been posted onto the website.
- Oregon Psilocybin Services administered a Community Interest Survey on January 7, 2022. The survey is voluntary and

anonymous and will provide an opportunity to better understand who has interest in licensure, training programs, and accessing services. The survey has been translated into Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Simple Chinese/Mandarin, and Somali. The survey will close on 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Oregon Psilocybin Services will release survey findings at the end of February 2022.

- Oregon Psilocybin Services is working with the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board on recommendations for draft rules which will set the minimal requirements for the program. The board has been meeting monthly since March to discuss and make recommendations for the regulatory framework. The board has also been meeting regularly in subcommittees to listen to guest speakers, provide a platform for discussion about recommendations, and make recommendations to the full advisory board related to specific areas of interest, including Equity, Training, Products, Licensing, and Research. M109 requires that all recommendations be made to OHA by June 30, 2022.
- Oregon Psilocybin Services will complete two rulemaking sessions in 2022. The first round of rulemaking in the spring of 2022 will focus on training programs and products/testing. Training program and product/testing rules will be adopted by June of 2021, in time for Oregon Psilocybin Services to begin receiving applications for training program approvals. The second round of rulemaking in 2022 will focus on the remainder of program rules. The final rules will be adopted by December 31, 2022 in time for OPS to begin receiving. As we continue working with the advisory board on recommendations, we encourage the public to sign up for our updates and additional information through our distribution list on our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/psilocybin>.