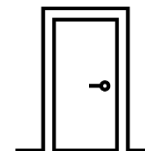


Oregon Psilocybin Services

Equity and Access



In November 2020, Oregonians passed The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act (M109), which is now codified into Oregon law in [ORS 475A](#). This statute establishes a licensing and regulatory framework for psilocybin services in Oregon.

This fact sheet describes how Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) takes a public health approach to centering equity and access to psilocybin services in Oregon. For more information about Oregon Psilocybin Services, please go to:

www.oregon.gov/psilocybin

Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) is committed to setting a strong precedent for the nation as we administer ORS 475A in alignment with the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)'s strategic plan goal](#) to eliminate health inequities and with Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan, [Healthier Together Oregon](#).

Equity and Access in Public Engagement

- OPS hosts annual [public listening sessions](#) for members of the public to share feedback on the ongoing administration of ORS 475A. Recordings are posted online, along with a written summary of themes, questions and answers. Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and CART captioning are provided for all public listening sessions to support public participation.
- OPS offers community circles as an alternative format for engaging in ways that align with different communities and cultural needs.
- OPS provides trainings for professional associations and boards; public safety partners; health, human services, and social justice organizations; community-

based organizations; state, local, and federal partners; and members of the public.

- Under the 'Contact Us' section of the OPS homepage, there are options to [request a presentation](#) and [request a meeting](#).
- [OPS administrative rules](#) are informed by recommendations from the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board (OPAB), input from Rules Advisory Committees (RACs), and comments received during public comment periods. OPS schedules multiple, separate RACs to discuss different sections of draft rules, the fiscal impact statement, and the equity impact statement. Multiple RACs offer more opportunities for diverse perspectives to be shared. OPS also hosts multiple public hearings on the proposed rules. By offering multiple public hearings, OPS creates more opportunities for members of the public to participate at various times of the day, including day and evening hours. Each year, OPS provides a 'Letter to the Public' which highlights frequent themes identified during the rule making process and how they have been addressed.
- OPS provides Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation and CART captioning for all public listening sessions and public hearings on rules and will accommodate any additional requests to encourage public participation from diverse communities.
- For a full description of public engagement opportunities and annual reviews of OPS work, please see our [annual reports](#).

Equity and Access in Administrative Rules

- Under OPS rules, Social Equity Plans are required to be submitted with applications for licenses. Upon renewal of a license, licensees are required to submit an evaluation report that describes progress toward reaching social equity goals. Licensees must make their social equity plans and evaluation reports available to clients and prospective clients upon request. For more information, please visit [OPS Social Equity Plan Guidance and Resources](#) and [OPS Social Equity Plan Evaluation Report for Licensees](#).



You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact: Oregon Psilocybin Services at 971-673-0322 or email OHA.Psilocybin@oha.oregon.gov. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.

- Client consent has remained a priority for both Oregon Psilocybin Services and the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board. Client consent is built into Oregon’s model, including through the informed consent process, consent to share personal, deidentified, and 303 data, consent on who is present for an administration session, consent for supportive touch during an administration session, and consent to be recorded during an administration session. See client forms under [Access Psilocybin Services](#).
- Under ORS 475A, OPS does not have the authority to regulate the costs of psilocybin products or services. In addition, Oregon’s model is a fee-based structure, which means that the license fees must cover the costs of administering the regulatory framework. To support social equity for the regulated community, OPS established reduced fees for applicants who are low-income or have veteran status. Social equity for the regulated community supports diverse representation from lived and professional experiences that may help eliminate health inequities through the provision of culturally responsive services.
- Under OPS administrative rules, service centers and facilitators must provide information regarding any culturally or linguistically responsive services they offer clients to support client safety, equity, and access to services. This may include translation and interpretation resources or referring clients to other facilitators or service centers that may be better equipped to provide services that meet specific client needs.
- To support equity and access in Oregon’s model, administrative rules require psilocybin facilitator training requirements in many areas related to equity. Some of these requirements include Cultural equity and its relationship to health equity and social determinants of health; Racial justice, including the impact of race and privilege on health outcomes and the impact of systemic racism on individuals and communities; Ethical considerations relating to equity, privilege, bias and power; and Trauma-informed communication skills including the understanding of how racial and cultural dynamics affect interactions between client and facilitator. For the full description of required psilocybin training curriculum modules, see [333-333-3060](#).

Examples of Equity and Access Commitments to Clients

- Every client must receive a copy of the [Client Bill of Rights](#) and discuss their rights with a licensed facilitator as part of their preparation session. This document begins by stating that clients receiving psilocybin services must be treated with dignity and respect, and that clients have the right to receive competent and equitable care consistent with values, policies, and practices that ensure all people- especially those who have been historically marginalized based on race, ethnicity, relation, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, intersections among these communities or identities or other socially determined circumstances- are considered in the development of social pathways to health equity.
- Under OPS administrative rules, clients who have toileting, mobility, medication, medical assistive device, or interpretation needs may have an Interpreter or Client Support Person accompany them during administration sessions at a licensed service center to support accessibility within the statutory container of ORS 475A. Clients may also choose to request an individual observer during their administration session. For more information, see the [Interpreter or Client Support Person Plan](#).
- Clients may [file a complaint with OPS](#). OPS investigates complaints, incidents, or concerns related to safety issues or statute and rule violations. All final orders are posted on the [OPS Compliance Data Dashboard](#).

Examples of Equity and Access Commitments to Licensees

To support the success of businesses within Oregon's model, OPS partnered with the Office of Small Business Assistance to host a [psilocybin business forum](#) during the development period. In addition, OPS publishes a [Psilocybin Business Resource Guide](#) to highlight business resources, requirements, and considerations for the regulated community.

- OPS regularly updates the [Oregon Psilocybin Services Guidance on Administrative Rules](#) document to ensure that all licensees have access to guidance on administrative rules.
- The Oregon Psilocybin Services section is committed to providing equitable support and guidance for the regulated community and hosts quarterly lunch forums with licensees. In addition, the Oregon Psilocybin Services section provides ongoing technical assistance to applicants and licensees to ensure regulatory compliance.

For more information on OPS equity and access measures, please refer to the following resources:

- [OPS Health and Safety Fact Sheet](#)
- [OPS Data Privacy and Security Fact Sheet](#)
- [OPS Operational Forms](#)
- [OPS Administrative Rules](#)
- [OPS Guidance Document on Administrative Rules](#)