

Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) 2023: Year in Review

The beginning of 2023 marked the launch of the first licensing and regulatory framework for psilocybin services in the nation. On January 2, 2023, Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) began accepting license applications for four license types, in addition to worker permit applications. OPS issued the [first license on March 22, 2023](#). By May 5, 2023, OPS [issued the first service center license](#). The first licensed service centers began to open their doors to clients in the summer of 2023.

This 'Year in Review' offers a summary of what OPS accomplished in 2023. It is also a reminder that we are only months into regulating the nation's first legal psilocybin services. OPS is still finishing development of necessary systems and processes. Below is a snapshot of the work the section and its three programs have accomplished together.

- OPS published a [weekly report on license applications](#) that is updated weekly. At the time of publishing this document, OPS has issued:
 - 206 Facilitator Licenses
 - 21 Service Center Licenses
 - 7 Manufacturer Licenses
 - 2 Laboratory Licenses
 - 418 Worker Permits
 - 24 Training Programs have received OPS curriculum approval
- OPS published the [OPS Licensee Directory](#), which provides contact information for licensees who have consented to have their information made publicly available.
- As part of our commitment to providing technical support and education to the regulated psilocybin community in Oregon, OPS has created many resources, which include:

- Fact sheets, online and paper application options, and application guides for each license type
 - A [Premises Plan Checklist](#) for service center, manufacturer, and laboratory applicants
 - An updated [Land Use Compatibility Statement \(LUCS\) form](#)
 - [Certificate of Occupancy information](#) for manufacturer applicants with an extraction endorsement
 - An [Overview of the Background Check Process](#) for those interested in OPS equity and safety centered background checks
 - An updated [Social Equity Plan Guidance and Resources](#) document (updated again in November 2023) to support licensees in development and evaluation of social equity plans
 - In collaboration with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, provided [Psilocybin Services and Food Safety Information](#) and [Weights and Measures Guidance](#) for manufacturer license applicants
 - Guidance on the school proximity requirement for service center license applicants, including a [Psilocybin School Exclusion Map](#) and other resources
 - In collaboration with the Oregon Department of Revenue, provided [Psilocybin Tax Registration Instructions](#)
 - Developed site inspection orientation documents for service center, manufacturer, and laboratory license applicants
- OPS partnered with the Oregon Office of Small Business Assistance to create the [2023 Oregon Psilocybin Business Resource Guide](#). The guide is intended to help new businesses in Oregon’s emerging psilocybin ecosystem and is updated as new information and resources become available.
 - OPS created new operational forms to help licensees comply with administrative rule requirements. Operational forms can be found on the [Facilitator License](#) and [Service Center License](#) web pages. Client forms are also available in English and Spanish on the [Access Psilocybin Services](#) web page. Forms include:

-  [Informed Consent](#) - 12.27.22
-  [Client Bill of Rights](#) - 12.27.22
-  [Client Information Form](#) - 12.27.22
-  [Client Transportation Plan](#) - 12.27.22
-  [Client Safety and Support Plan](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Medication and Medical/Assistive Device Form](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Interpreter or Client Support Person Plan](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Authorization to Disclose Personal Identifiable Information](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Notice and Opt-Out of Disclosure of De-Identified Data](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Consent for Other Individuals to Be Present During an Administration Session](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Consent for Use of Supportive Touch During Administration Session](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Consent to Receive Secondary Dose of Psilocybin Product](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Consent for Video and Audio Recording of Individual Administration Session](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Consent for Video and Audio Recording of Group Administration Session](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Client Release from Administration Session](#) – 10.13.23
-  [Emergency Services Contact Report](#) - 10.13.23
-  [Adverse Reaction Requiring Medical Attention or Emergency Services](#) – 10.13.23
-  [Notice of Administration Session that Extends Beyond 11:59PM](#) - 10.13.23

- In the summer of 2023, OPS began hosting monthly Lunch Forums for OPS Licensees. These virtual lunch forums are a space for licensees and the OPS leadership to have informal discussions and address issues together.
- Over the past year, OPS has continued to support the [Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board](#) and Equity, Licensing, Products and Research, and Strategic Planning subcommittees.
- In 2023, OPS entered into rulemaking for technical fixes and clarifications to rules adopted in 2022, rules related to the implementation of Senate Bill 303 (2023), and rules to address requirements for approval of facilitator training programs. As part of this process:
 - OPS held three [Public Listening Sessions](#) in July 2023, with Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, as well as CART captioning, for a total of six hours of public feedback. Public Listening Sessions were recorded and are available online. OPS staff also compiled questions and published a [Summary of Questions and Answers](#) document on the OPS website.
 - OPS convened three Rules Advisory Committees (RACs) in September of 2023, which accounted for a total of six meetings and over 16 hours of RAC discussion.
 - RACs included a diversity of opinions and viewpoints and were comprised of 41 individuals with subject matter expertise, lived experience, and who were likely to be affected by the proposed rules. All meetings were recorded and posted on [the OPS Administrative Rules webpage](#).
 - The public comment period was held from November 1-21, 2023, which included three public hearings on rules and over 4 hours of public testimony. Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and CART Captioning were provided. The hearings were recorded and are available on [the OPS Administrative Rules webpage](#).
 - OPS considered over 200 comments during the public comment period before adopting final rules.

- A [Hearings Officer Report](#) and a [Letter to the Public](#) summarizing the final rules adopted in December 2023 are also available on the OPS website.
- OPS provided 4 different Community Based Organization (CBO) Trainings to community leaders interested in serving as resources in their communities. The trainings included an overview of psilocybin services, ideas for how to connect community members with information and resources, and time for questions and discussion among training participants.
- OPS collaborated with the OHA Public Health Division’s Community Partnership unit in January and August to offer “Lunch and Learn” events for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) who serve diverse communities across Oregon.
- OPS continues to co-host community circles, which provide opportunities for culturally responsive discussions about psilocybin services and the regulated framework in Oregon. To request a community circle, community members can [Request a Meeting](#) or reach out directly to the OPS team: OHA.Psilocybin@dhsoha.oregon.gov.
- Presented at over 20 conferences and events, including MAPS Psychedelic Science 2023, RAND Drug Policy Research Center Webinar *Psychedelics and Veterans Health*, Senate of the Republic of Mexico *Foro Intercultural de Medicina Enteógena*, Sana Symposium, PSYCH Symposium, ASTHO Legislative Network, Psanctum Psychedelic Conference, UPRISE Collective’s *Demystifying Disability Justice*, OSU Gerontology Conference, Eugene Rotary Association, Oregon State Pharmacy Association’s *Lane County Mid-Winter CE Seminar*, Oregon Coast Learning Institute, PsyCon, State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF) Seminar, Legal and Regulatory Landscape for Psychedelics, South Sound Mushroom Club, Horizons Northwest, and many others.

- OPS met with [Regional Health Equity Coalition \(RHEC\)](#) partners to provide a special informational session for RHEC leaders across Oregon.
- The OPS team is in the process of developing a justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion centered strategic plan that aligns with the [Healthier Together Oregon](#) priorities and OHA's single strategic goal to eliminate health inequities.
- OPS launched the OPS Psilocybin Equity Project, an internal opportunity for team members and leadership to address equity issues related to the intersectionality of psychedelics, anti-racism, power-sharing, unraveling bias, and the disproportionate impact of the War on Drugs on communities of color.
- OPS has responded to hundreds of inquiries, phone calls, meetings requests, presentation requests, media requests, legislative requests, and public records requests.
- OPS continues to send [quarterly newsletters](#) to a [distribution list](#) with over 14,000 subscribers, as well as job announcements, updates, and other news.

In 2024, OPS will issue annual license renewals, continue to build compliance systems, implement a portion of Senate Bill 303, and work with the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board, community partners, and members of the public to update administrative rules.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been part of the development, implementation, and ongoing administration of the nation's first regulatory framework for psilocybin services.

THANK YOU!