

# The Ohio CPDRE P.E.A.C.E. Program: Psychedelic Emergency, Acute, and Continuing-care Education



## Psychedelic Crisis Assessment and Intervention for Behavioral Health Professionals

This 2-part training program includes an online module and a live seminar. The seminar will take place on:

**Monday, Jan. 12, 2026**

Fawcett Center, Alumni Lounge,  
The Ohio State University



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## Seminar Agenda

Arrival and Networking: 5:30-6 p.m.

Training: 6-8:30 p.m.

- Opening Remarks
- Presentation
- Q&A
- Closing Remarks

Optional Networking Mixer 8:30-9 p.m.

*Heavy hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.*



## Behavioral Health Trainers

- **Irina Alexander, LMFT**, co-founder and clinical director of Alchemy Community Therapy Center in Oakland, and harm reduction therapist with the Harm Reduction Therapy Center in San Francisco
- **Brooke Balliett, LMFT**, therapist, researcher and chief operating officer, Psychedelic Science Institute
- **Sara Gael, MA, LPC**, psychedelic therapist, educator, organizational leader, and project and content coordinator for the P.E.A.C.E. program
- **Dr. Brian Pilecki, PhD**, clinical psychologist, clinical services manager and associate scientist at Portland Institute of Psychedelic



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**This live seminar is Module 2 in a 2-Module training program. Module 1 (online training) must be completed prior to seminar attendance.**

### **Who should attend?**

Behavioral Health Professionals: Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Psychiatric Nurses, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, Peer Support Specialists, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Responders

### **Seminar Eligibility**

1. Participants must be a licensed behavioral health professional.
2. Participants must be professionals working in Ohio.
3. Seminar participants will be required to have completed the on-line portion of the training program prior to the live in-person seminar.

### **Behavioral Health Training Goal**

The goal of this training is to equip behavioral health responders with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to recognize and respond effectively to a psychedelic crisis. Participants will learn approaches that support improved crisis outcomes, enhance the safety and well-being of all involved, and foster compassionate, trauma-informed care for individuals in distress. The training also focuses on strategies to strengthen collaboration among care teams, reduce the risk of harm or escalation, and minimize liability for behavioral health professionals and their organizations. In addition to acute crisis response, this training offers valuable tools for those supporting clients after psychedelic use - helping practitioners navigate integration, assess potential risks, and promote lasting therapeutic outcomes following psychedelic experiences. Trainees will receive a certificate of completion after completion of Module 1 and Module 2 of the training.

**TRAINEES WILL LEARN** from subject matter experts on how to provide care for individuals experiencing psychedelic crisis and implement harm reduction strategies to improve encounter outcomes. P.E.A.C.E. offers three distinct trainings, each tailored to meet the needs of different professionals:

- Behavioral Health Professionals (Jan. 12)
- Law Enforcement Personnel (March 9)
- Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Departments (July 27)

### **About P.E.A.C.E.**

Psychedelics have been used by cultures around the world for thousands of years as sacred, medicinal, and ceremonial tools to support healing, insight, and connection. Recreational use of psychedelics has been on the rise in the United States over the past ten years, in part due to the significant increase in research on psychedelics demonstrating therapeutic potential to help alleviate mental health and substance use problems (Davis et al., 2020; Patrick et al., 2024). Furthermore, media and industry hype have contributed to increased attraction to the use of psychedelics and psychedelic-assisted therapy. However, psychedelic medicines are not currently approved by the FDA, and therefore, most people do not have legal access to these medicines. Thus, as more people become interested in psychedelics, they may turn to personal or social use outside of a supervised clinical setting as a means of self-medication or self-exploration (Kilmer et al., 2024).

Despite clinical research showing psychedelic use (clinical or self-experimentation) is quite safe when used with thoughtful preparation, in safe settings, and appropriate support, there can be significant physical and psychological risks which may arise when psychedelics are mis-used or used without proper education and preparation. One of the risks of recreational psychedelic use includes psychedelic crisis, which is a situation where a person has ingested psychedelics and as a result has reached a state where they are unable to self-regulate to the extent that they pose a risk of harm or disruption to self or others (MAPS, 2019).

The P.E.A.C.E. Program is being advanced in collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) to establish evidence-informed education for Ohio's behavioral healthcare, emergency medical services and emergency department, and law enforcement professionals. Through this partnership, CPDRE has licensed and integrated MAPS' professionally produced training assets - specialized video modules on psychedelic crisis fundamentals, recognition, response, and responder liability - into the P.E.A.C.E. curriculum. These materials are then paired with live seminars and interactive learning, forming the foundation of Ohio's first statewide psychedelic crisis and continuing-care education initiative. The collaboration unites CPDRE's research and workforce development expertise with MAPS' decades of leadership in psychedelic harm reduction and clinical training to ensure professionals across systems are prepared to respond safely, compassionately, and effectively to psychedelic-related crises.