

movement. One way this might happen is a rise in adverse outcomes attributable to state policy reforms. While [we are not seeing any evidence of a noticeable rise in public health or safety problems in Oregon or Colorado](#), we must continue to take efforts to mitigate this risk, by supporting responsible implementation, robust public health education, and safety net infrastructure. We should also be careful to ensure policy reform efforts have bipartisan support. Our movement will be significantly hindered if we do not make intentional efforts to be politically inclusive.

Promoting synergy between state and federal policy

Many movements, including cannabis legalization and marriage equality, begin in the states which eventually build toward reform at the federal level. State policy reform can significantly influence what happens at the federal level and vice versa. The design of state programs, for example, can influence future deliberations around [federal rescheduling](#) of psychedelic medicines. We need national and state policy experts to help guide collaborative efforts at both levels to achieve the best results.

Building bridges with academics and non-psychedelic policy organizations

Leaders of state psychedelic reform efforts should be in regular dialogue with academic researchers who study psychedelics as well as organizations that play an influential role in shaping public policy (e.g., the National Conference of State Legislatures and Republican Governors Association). We need education to flow both ways.

Psychedelic Policy Institute

Many other successful social movements have benefited from a national policy organization leading state-by-state efforts. The Psychedelic Policy Institute is a new project bringing together leaders in the psychedelic policy community to solve the challenges described above. It will be led by individuals who have many years of experience advancing state policy reform and aims to develop and execute a strategic plan over the next five years to help guide the success of the state-by-state psychedelic movement.

The Institute will work collaboratively with a large coalition of organizations in the psychedelics field, including:

- **National partner organizations** that share a focus on ensuring the success of state-regulated programs, including Healing Advocacy Fund, MAPS, and Heroic Hearts Project.
- **Other core national allies** whose mission significantly overlaps with state-based efforts, including the Coalition for Psychedelic Safety and Education, the Psychedelic Safety Institute, Psychedelic Mental Health Access Alliance, and Reason for Hope.
- A broader network of **organizations who play an important role in advocacy and public education**, including the Chacruna Institute, Clusterbusters, Drug Policy Alliance, Law Enforcement Action Partnership, Reason Foundation, Sacred Plant Alliance, SIREN Project, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and VETS.
- **Local and state-based advocacy coalitions** such as the Clarity Project (Hawaii), Illinois Psychedelic Society, Natural Medicine Alaska, Natural Medicine Maine, Nevada Coalition for Psychedelic Medicines, New Mexico Psychedelic Science Society, New Yorkers for Mental Health Alternatives, Open Circle Alliance (Massachusetts), Psychedelic Association of Arizona, Psychedelic Medicine Alliance of Washington, and Psychedelic Society of Vermont.

The mission of the Institute is to learn from existing state programs and iteratively improve policies, facilitate a coordinated and strategic national coalition, and guide strategic investments into state campaigns. The overarching goal is to promote public health and wellness, and to the extent possible, the Institute will analyze data and research to assess the impact of state policies. The organization intends to cultivate long-term institutional knowledge and play four key roles in the psychedelic policy movement: