# 6 Fluence

Professional Education in Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy and Integration

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To give healthcare providers the clinical skills and knowledge to provide effective, compassionate, evidence-based psychedelic therapy and integration services to patients through dynamic, interactive online and in-person trainings



#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**



DR. INGMAR GORMAN CO-FOUNDER & CEO

Dr. Ingmar Gorman is a psychologist and researcher who received his clinical training in New York City at the New School for Social Research, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, Columbia University, and Bellevue Hospital. He completed his NIH postdoctoral fellowship at New York University. He simultaneously served as site co-principal investigator on an FDA approved Phase 3 clinical trial of MDMA-assisted Psychotherapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and is currently a study therapist on the same study, as well as another FDA approved clinical trial of psilocybin for treatment resistant depression. Dr. Gorman has published on the topics of classic psychedelics, ketamine, MDMA, and Psychedelic Harm Reduction and Integration.



#### DR. ELIZABETH NIELSON CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER

Dr. Elizabeth Nielson is a psychologist with a focus on developing psychedelic medicines as empirically supported treatments for PTSD, substance use problems, and mood disorders. Dr. Nielson is a Site Co-Principal Investigator and therapist for an FDA approved Phase 3 clinical trial of MDMA-assisted Psychotherapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and has served as a therapist on FDA approved clinical trials of psilocybin-assisted treatment of alcohol use disorder, psilocybin-assisted treatment of treatment resistant depression, and earlier phase 2 and 3 trials of MDMA-assisted psychotherapy. Having completed an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at NYU, she has published and presented on topics of psychedelic therapist training, therapists' personal experience with psychedelics, and including psychedelic integration in group and individual psychotherapy.



MICHAEL KUNTZ
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Michael Kuntz is a longtime digital media and advertising veteran, and recently served as COO of the USA Today Network (part of Gannett), where he oversaw the company's day-to-day operations, sales, marketing and corporate development. Prior to his time at USA Today, Michael was global SVP of Gawker Media, and formerly, Publisher & CRO at Hearst Magazines. In 2018, Michael turned to psychedelic-assisted therapy to successfully combat ongoing struggles with mental illness, and since, has invested in and advised several start-ups in the psychedelic community, including The Third Wave and Lucid News.



## OUR FOCUS

## GROWING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND ITS TOLL ON SOCIETY

- o 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- From August 2020 February 2021, the percentage of U.S. adults with symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder increased to 41.5%
- o In 2019, 19.3 million people aged 18 or over had a substance abuse disorder
- PTSD now affects 7.7 million adults in the U.S.
- In an analysis completed before the COVID-19 pandemic, experts found that the U.S. would spend \$238
   billion on direct mental health care in 2020

Source: CDC; NIMH; SAMHSA; ADAA



## A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS

- To address the widening gaps within today's mental health care system, many scientists and researchers continue to produce data that points to psychedelics – which have been used throughout history for medicinal purposes
- Rigorous clinical trials paired with psychotherapy using MDMA, psilocybin, and other psychedelic compounds continue to demonstrate their potential as treatments for unmet needs in mental health
- In combination with therapy, psychedelics allow for a more person-centered, holistic approach to working with individuals suffering from depression, anxiety, PTSD, substance use disorder and other forms of psychological distress
- As both psychedelic drugs and integration therapy continue to reshape the future of mental health care, training and education are paramount as millions of therapists, prescribing clinicians, and healthcare professionals are not prepared to meet the future patient demand



## GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS FOR TREATING MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

- Johns Hopkins, Yale, University of California, Berkley, Mount Sinai, and NYU have recently established psychedelic research centers
- Psychedelic psychotherapy legalization initiatives are in motion across the United States, Canada and parts of Europe
- FDA grants "breakthrough therapy" status to psilocybin therapy for its potential to combat severe treatment-resistant depression
- First Phase 3 clinical trial conducted with psychedelicassisted therapy found that MDMA paired with counseling brought marked relief to patients with severe post-traumatic stress disorder



A psychedelic drug boom in mental health treatment comes closer to reality

#### The New York Times

The Psychedelic Revolution Is Coming. Psychiatry May Never Be the Same.

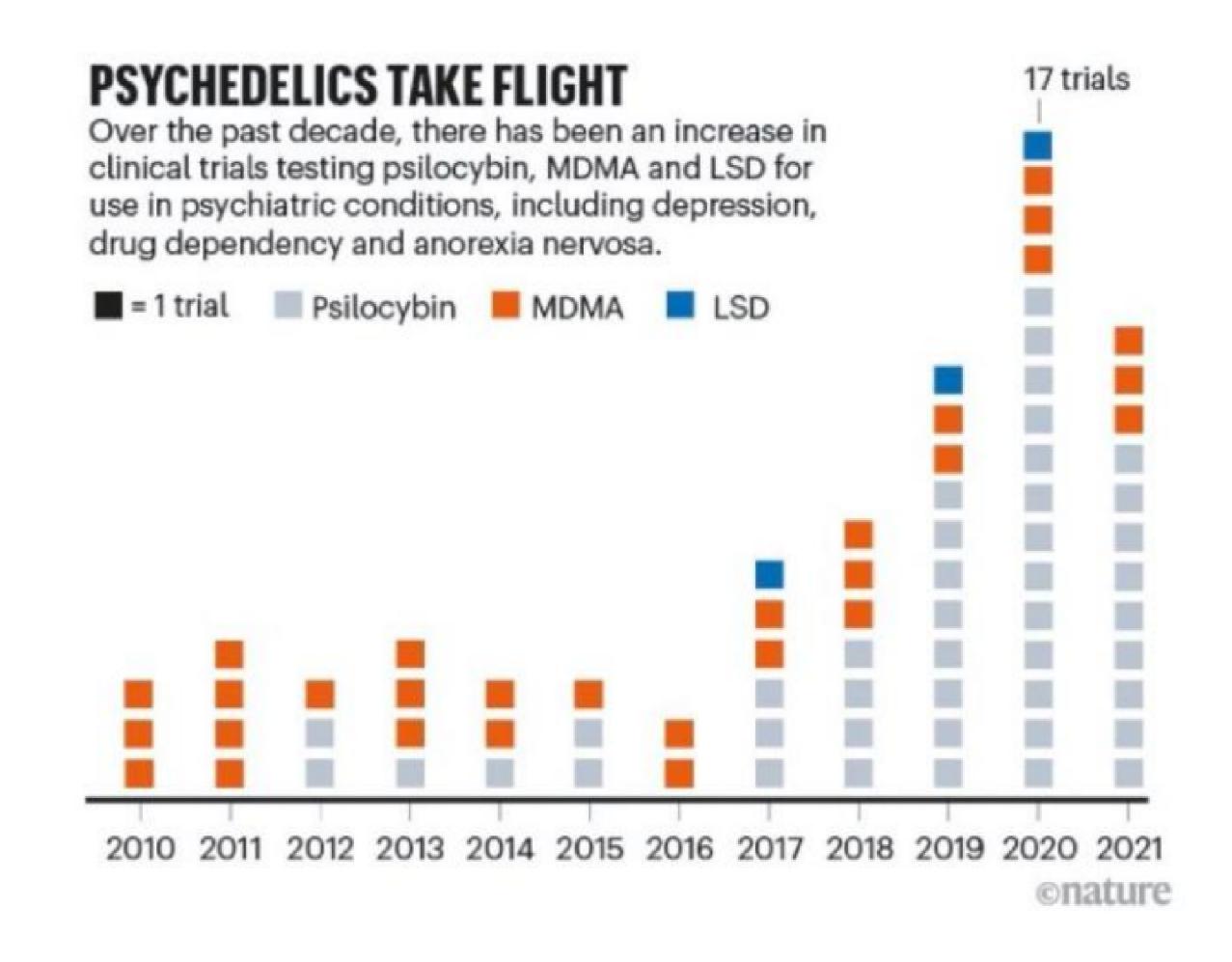
#### **Forbes**

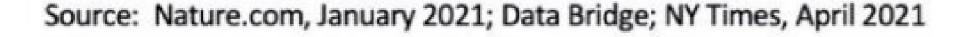
Why The Future Of Mental Health Care May Lie In Psychedelics



## RAPIDLY EXPANDING PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS MARKET

- The psychedelic drugs market is expected to reach \$6.8 billion by 2027, from \$2 billion in 2019
- Currently 30+ drug sponsors pursuing clinical trials of MDMA, psilocybin, LSD and other drug compounds
- 1,100 therapists have applied to MAPS for training, and over 15,000 have asked to be notified of training opportunities
- Projected bottleneck in the future dissemination of these treatments by drug development companies due to the lack of trained therapists

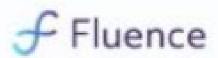






#### TOTAL ADDRESSABLE MARKETPLACE

Mental Health Professionals	1.3M licensed therapists in the U.S.	Fluence offers accessible, credentialed, professional trainings online and in-person to physicians and psychotherapists, and offers ongoing community networking
Wellness Practitioners	1.2M wellness professionals – counselors, coaches, etc	Fluence provides continuing education credits for coaches and welcomes wellness practitioners to the majority of its courses
Drug Developers	30+ psychedelic drug development companies pursuing clinical trials	Fluence delivers solutions through research design consulting, therapy manual writing, research therapist training, and post-approval provider training
Medical & Mental Health Institutions	12,000+ mental health facilities in need of basic training and education	Fluence has the staff and resources to deliver custom training packages for institutions to smoothly integrate high quality psychedelic healthcare



#### FLUENCE LIVES AT THE INTERSECTION OF PSYCHEDELIC MEDICINE

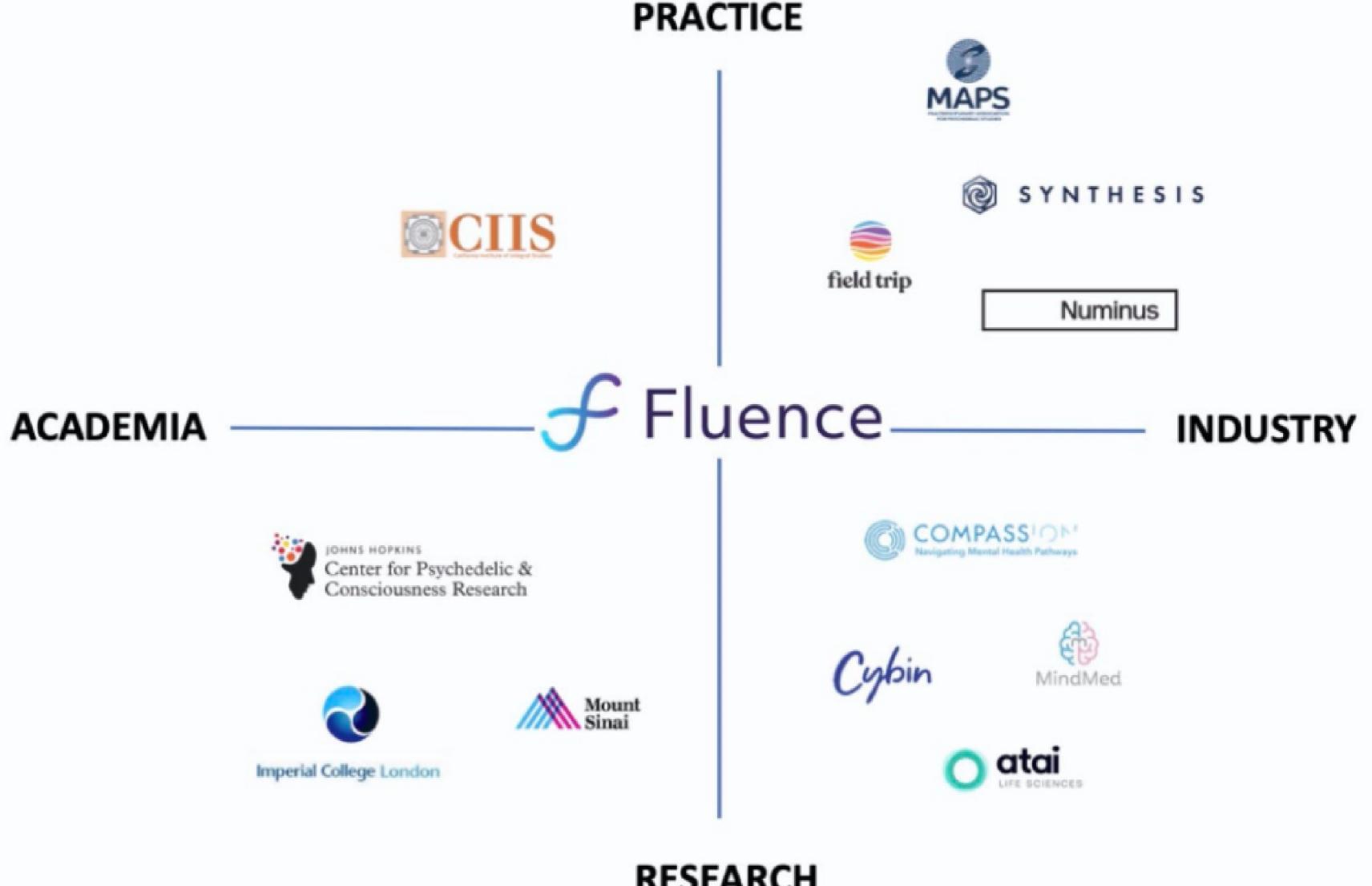
Experienced trainers conducting psychedelic research with multiple compounds for multiple drug sponsors

Bridging academia, industry, and community training & education dissemination

As a *neutral* entity, uniquely positioned to solve the training bottleneck problem in psychedelic medicine

Only company with a peer-reviewed model for psychedelic harm reduction and integration

Highly-regarded, trusted, and wellknown within the industry



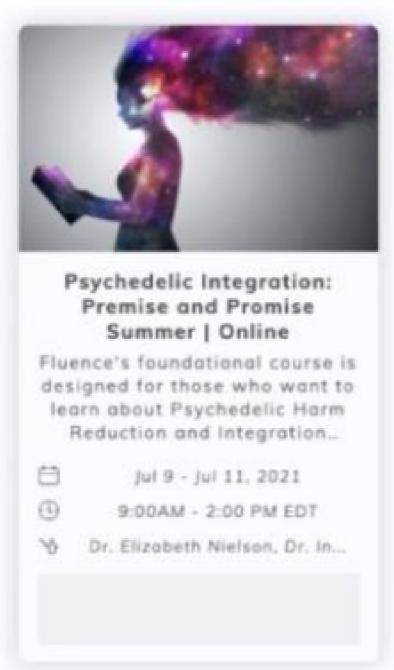
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## MEETING THE DEMAND FOR PSYCHEDELIC THERAPY TRAINING & EDUCATION

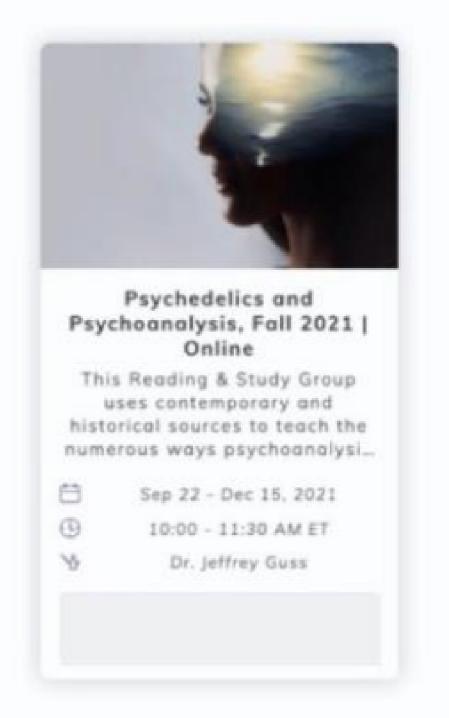
Fluence offers a scalable approach to training the next generation of clinicians, psychotherapists and wellness practitioners - with a goal of training 25,000+ healthcare professionals over the next five years. This includes psychedelic integration, ketamine, psilocybin, MDMA, and 5-MeO-DMT.

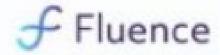












## ESTABLISHED LEADERS IN THE FIELD, AND IN THE PRESS



Inside Ibogaine, One of the Most Promising and Perilous Psychedelics for Addiction



The Case for Psychedelics Couples Counseling

#### **Forbes**

As More People Turn to Psychedelics, Integration Proves a Crucial Factor For Breakthroughs



Why More Therapists Need to Learn About Psychedelics -- Now



Therapists Are Unprepared to Talk to People About Taking Psychedelics

The New York Times

Can MDMA Save a Marriage?

"PSYCHEDELICS CAN BE AS POWERFUL AS A SCALPEL TO A SURGEON, AND THAT'S WHY THIS TRAINING IS SO IMPORTANT."

"IT'S GOING TO BE A FIELD OF ITS OWN, AND TO SOME EXTENT, IT IS ALREADY."

- Dr. Ingmar Gorman

- Dr. Elizabeth Nielson



## OUR BUSINESS

## SETTING THE FOUNDATION FOR A GROWING, PROFITABLE BUSINESS

January 2020 - December 2021

## 20+ PERSON TRAINING STAFF

Diverse group of researchers and licensed therapists with direct experience in psychedelic clinical trials

#### 25+ COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Combination of online and in-person trainings, continuing education and accreditation for physicians, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers and coaches

## 900+ THERAPISTS TRAINED

Over \$10,000 awarded in diversity scholarships to improve equitable access to training

## ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

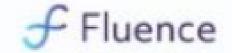
Protocol design and custom training modules for drug development companies

#### \$750K+ SALES

On pace to surpass \$600,000 in 2021, resulting in a 318% year-overyear increase

#### NO OUTSIDE INVESTMENT

Self-funded to date. Currently pursuing seed financing



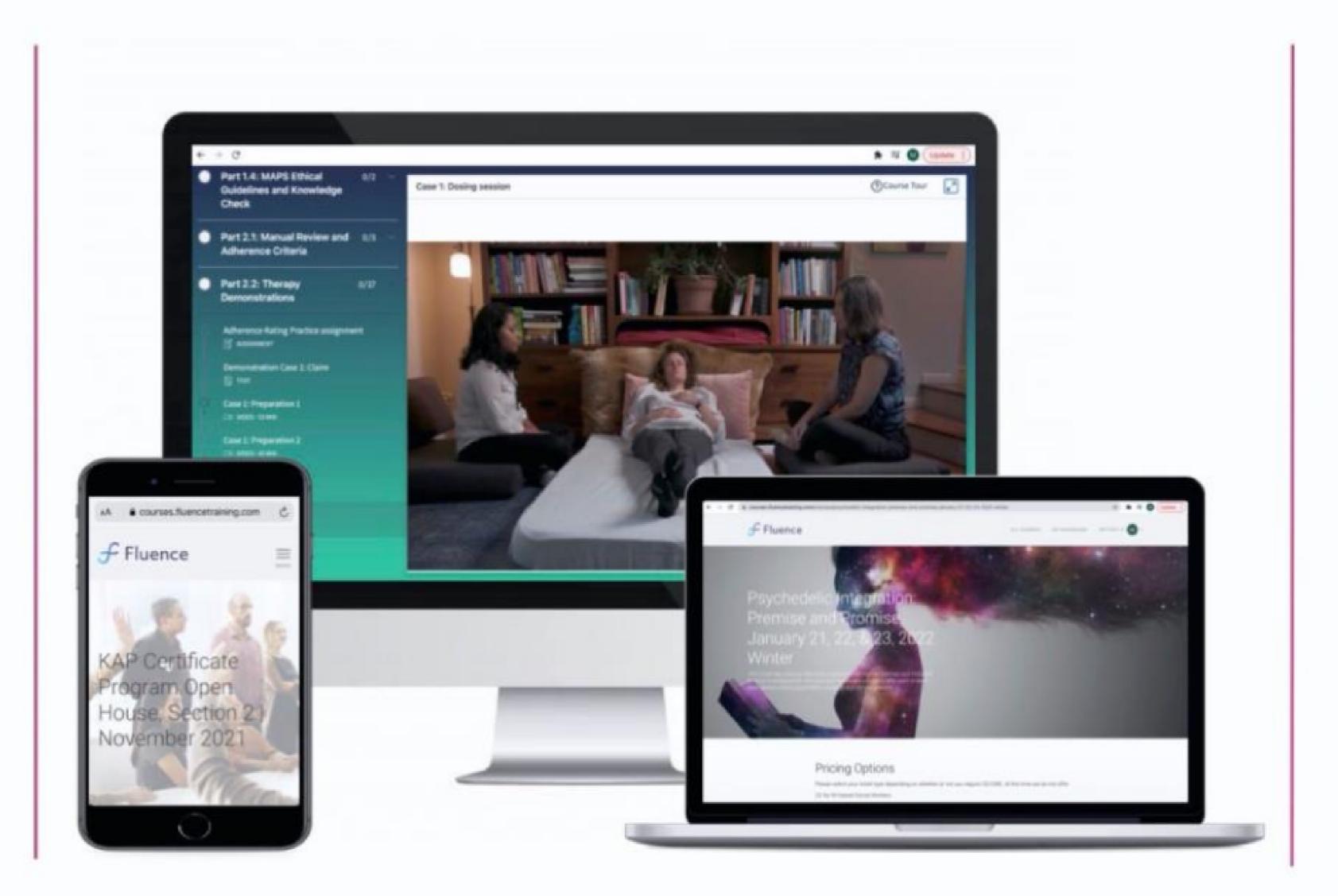
## SERVICES, PRODUCTS, AND LEARNING SOLUTIONS

#### INDIVIDUAL TRAININGS

- Live Online Classes and Workshops
- OnDemand Content (Self-paced Learning)
- Psychedelic Therapy Certificate Programs

#### ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

- Consultation Services
- Psychotherapy Manual Design
- Therapist Cohort Training (Clinical Trials)

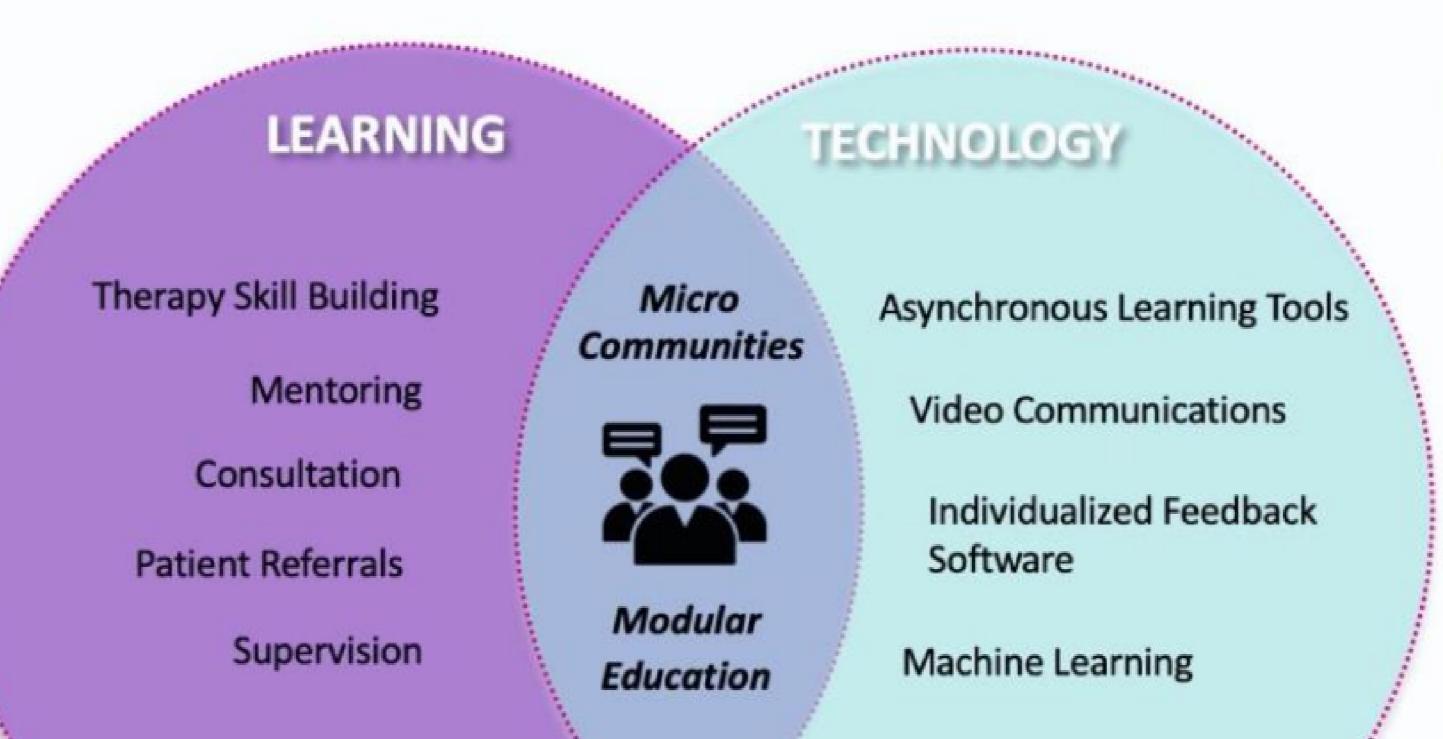




## LEARNING PLATFORM & TECHNOLOGY EVOLUTION

#### **NOVEL PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES**

Breaking down the barrier between synchronous and asynchronous learning



**Community-based software** that maximizes teaching effectiveness and student engagement

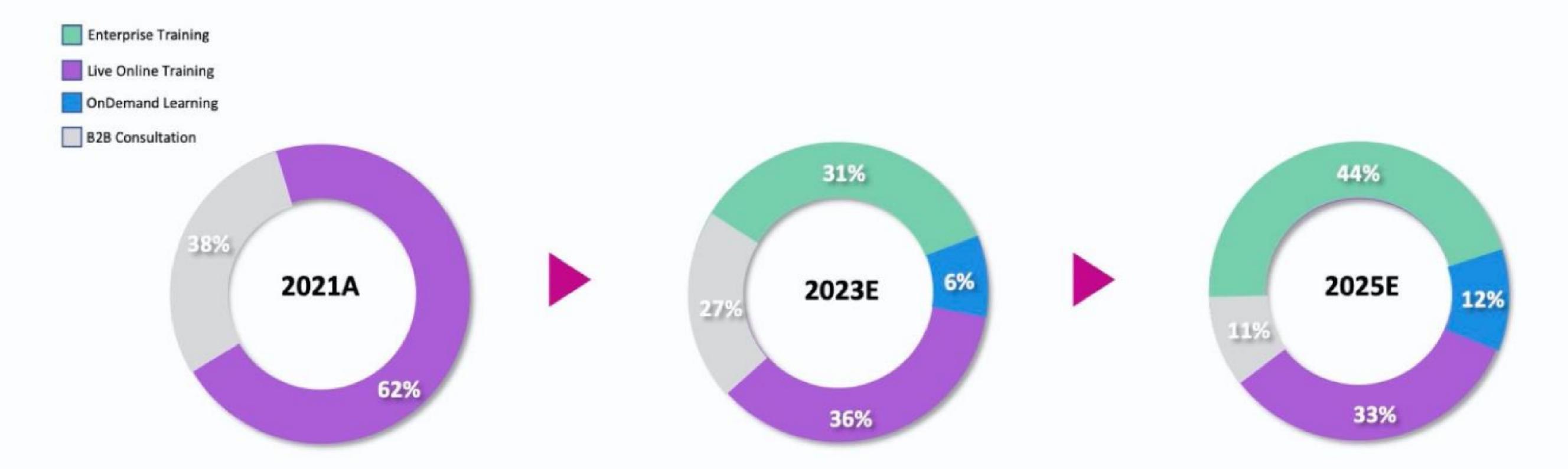


#### **PRODUCT MIX SHIFT**

Enabled by High Demand for Live Training and B2B Services

Paves Way for Enterprise
Training and OnDemand
Learning Solutions

E-Learning Platform Expansion via Custom Training Software Rapid Growth through Asynchronous Learning and Enterprise Trainings





### OUR PEOPLE

#### FLUENCE TRAINING TEAM

#### Licensed Therapists, Researchers, and Physicians with Deep **Roots in Psychedelic Therapy and Clinical Trials**



**DR. JEFFREY GUSS LEAD TRAINER** 



DR. KELAN THOMAS LEAD TRAINER



**DR. CASEY PALEOS** LEAD TRAINER



JAYNE GUMPEL **LEAD TRAINER** 



**DR. ALAN DAVIS LEAD TRAINER** 



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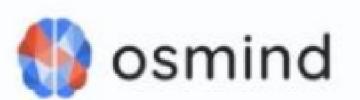




















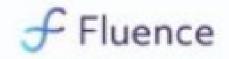
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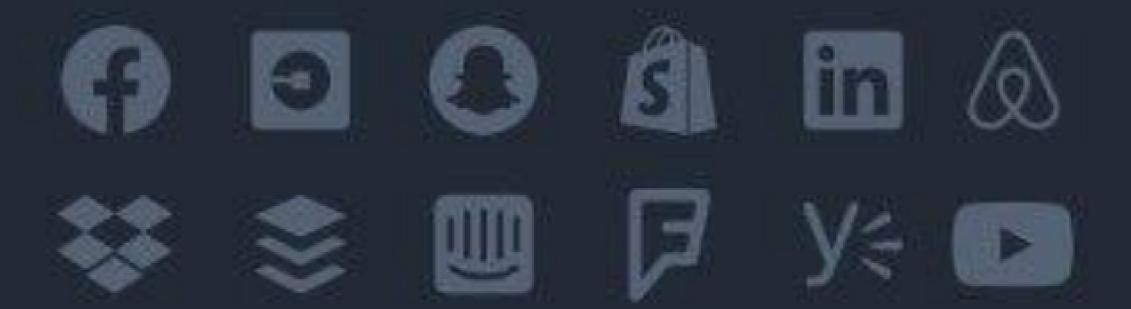
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