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## Persistent Policy Barriers a Hindrance in Tackling the Opioid Crisis

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Public health professionals struggle to bridge the divide between research and the implementation of evidence-based policy. With regard to the opioid epidemic, this divide is exceptionally clear. The [opioid epidemic](#) continues to prey on our most vulnerable populations, and yet there is persistent reluctance among the Legislature to accept much-needed policy changes.

At the heart of this public health crisis are policy barriers that hinder access to recovery supports and harm reduction services.