

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## BUDGET & FUNDING

- **Fund Foundational Public Health Services:** Ensure core public health services are available to every resident of the state through a \$60 million down payment toward Foundational Public Health Services that will close critical gaps in communicable disease and chronic disease programs/services/work across our state.
- **E-Cigarette Revenue:** Support a tax on e-cigarettes, and dedicate a portion of the revenue to public health.
- **New Revenue:** Support new revenue to fund core public health services.

## POLICY

- **Increase Tobacco and E-Cigarette Purchase Age to 21:** Support legislation to increase the purchase age for tobacco and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21.
- **Gun Violence Prevention:** Support legislation to address the public health epidemic of gun violence.
- **Address the Opioid Crisis:** Support a statewide secure medicine return program and other efforts to address the opioid crisis, such as enhancements to the prescription drug monitoring program.

## WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Washington State Public Health Association adopted the above priorities in conjunction with our partners in the Public Health Roundtable:

American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts  
Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition  
Children’s Alliance  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Group Health Cooperative

Nurse-Family Partnership  
Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest  
Professional & Technical Employees Local 17  
Transportation Choices Coalition  
Washington State Assoc. of Local Public Health Officials  
Washington Bikes  
Washington Dental Service Foundation

Washington Poison Center  
Washington State Department of Health  
Washington State Hospital Association  
Washington State Labor Council  
Washington State Medical Association  
Washington State Nurses Association  
Washington State Public Health Association