



Budget cuts have left areas in **Central Washington** struggling to keep up with outbreaks – requiring staff to shift time away from important prevention activities.

## BARELY MEETING FOOD INSPECTION MINIMUMS



In Chelan and Douglas counties, public health staffing makes it nearly impossible to meet minimum inspections at food establishment. Not only does this put the community at risk of disease, but public health is not able to evaluate its foodborne disease investigation and response process for efficiencies. With additional resources, Chelan-Douglas Health District would be able to increase inspections and improve communication and collaboration with the food service industry.

## INTENSIVE CASES WITH MIGRANT COMMUNITY



Yakima County's population is often transient, making communicable diseases investigations more complex. Patients are difficult to contact and lack traditional support systems to help with continuity of care. This leads to a contact-intensive cycle of disease investigation, case histories and mitigation strategies. Meeting these needs leaves little staff time to maintain consistent relationships with clinic systems, hospitals, and medical staff to better prepare them to manage communicable disease patients. The inability to collaborate with the medical community on effective case management handoffs hampers the ability of the entire medical system to stop the spread of disease.

## 1 IN 5 HOMES IMPACTED BY DIABETES



In 2013, approximately 5,500 adults over the age of 20 in Grant County had diabetes, meaning 1 in 5 households were impacted by diabetes. Grant County Public Health needs additional capacity so that it can work with city and county planners to create better walking and biking environments, continue to build partnerships to address pre-diabetes education and outreach through the "Columbia Basin Community Partnership for Health" and "Ephrata 5 2 1 0 Go." Staff would also be able to work with healthcare providers to develop childhood obesity guidelines and recommendations; and collect, organize, analyze, and present data on disease rates and trends in Grant County.