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## **Constructing Connections- NEW EPISODE! Navigating Change: AGC's Role in Construction Policy Under the Trump Administration**

In this episode of Constructing Connections, Rich Barcaskey interviews Alex Etchen, Vice President of Government Relations for the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), to discuss the impact of recent executive orders and legislation on the construction industry.

Key topics include:

- Challenges of navigating executive orders
- Significance of the "One Big, Beautiful Bill"
- Critical needs for the upcoming federal highway reauthorization

The conversation emphasizes the importance of advocacy and communication between contractors and their congressional representatives.

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## Building A Strong Foundation Under the Hardhat: Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness in the Construction Industry

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association will present “Building A Strong Foundation Under the Hardhat”, a seminar on suicide prevention and mental health awareness in the construction industry.

Presenters include:

- Randy Dye – “Race to Stop Suicide” NASCAR Team
- Justin Azbill – Leadership and Safety/Risk Management
- Danielle Vetter – Director of Business Development at Goldfinch Health



Informational exhibitors on-site will include the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Veterans Affairs.

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### Pittsburgh Hard Hats with Heart

#### **Pittsburgh Hard Hats with Heart: September 18, 2025**

Join us Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Highmark Stadium for Pittsburgh Hard Hats with Heart. The evening will include heart-pumping activities, with blood pressure screenings, Hands-Only CPR, and the AHA’s Life’s Essential 8. Plus, bring your soccer

skills for field activities and shots on the goal- there will be scorekeepers! Networking in the pub for hors d'oeuvres and acknowledgements will follow.

Adults in the construction industry have a higher risk of cardiovascular disease compared to other industries based on lifestyle factors. Hard Hats with Heart is the American Heart Association's nationwide movement to build a path to end heart disease and stroke and to increase wellness among those in the construction trades.

To learn more, contact Shannon Lesnock at [Shannon.Lesnock@heart.org](mailto:Shannon.Lesnock@heart.org)

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## Search the Apprenticeship Readiness Course Candidate Dashboard

Now you can find the right person for your organization and easily search for candidates who have taken the Apprenticeship Readiness Course. These participants are interested in a career in the highway construction trades and reside in western Pennsylvania.

Within the candidate's profile, you'll find applicable equipment experience, certifications, training or vocational school attendance, and more.

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Please answer this brief survey to let us know if you've recently hired someone from the list of candidates. This information will help guide and offer insight for future workforce development tools.

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Strong mental health isn't just the absence of mental health problems; it refers to the presence of positive characteristics. Your mental health influences how you think, feel, and behave in daily life, and can affect your ability to overcome challenges, build relationships, cope with stress, and recover from life's hardships.

From boosting your mood to handling your emotions better and building resilience, this guide from HelpGuide.org offers six strategies for improving mental health and well-being.

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