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OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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May 4, 2026

Construction Safety Week & National Safety Stand-Down Kick Off Today!

A strong spotlight on safety across the construction industry will take place May 4-8, with Construction Safety Week and the National Safety Stand-Down.

This is an opportunity for CAWP members to reinforce the importance of safety on every jobsite. Whether it's holding a stand-down, leading toolbox talks, or engaging crews in focused training, these efforts help strengthen our industry's commitment to protecting workers.

Industry safety experts CPWR and MSA are hosting webinars and live virtual sessions during the week. For additional details, check out the CAWP Safety Week & Stand Down resource guide!



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WEEK**



[CAWP Resource Guide](#)

Connellsville CTC Students Tour Route 119 Project



On May 1, 17 students from Connellsville Career and Technical Center (CTC) toured Plum Contracting's PennDOT Route 119 project in Fayette County, gaining firsthand exposure to an active highway construction site.

The students are enrolled in Connellsville CTC's heavy equipment program—one of only two such programs in Western Pennsylvania—making the visit especially relevant as they prepare for careers in the industry.

The project, which includes major intersection upgrades and a new roundabout, provided a strong backdrop to showcase the scale and coordination involved in heavy highway work. Discussions highlighted construction operations, safety practices, and the variety of career paths available.

The tour was led by Grady Smith, Tom Goldinger, and Ali Mills of Plum Contracting, Inc. Supporting the visit were Mark Shepler (Operating Engineers) and Jason Koss (CAWP), alongside CTC instructor Justin Strine. Students also received information on CAWP's Future Road Builders program and the Operating Engineers Apprenticeship, helping connect classroom learning to real career opportunities.

The visit concluded with lunch and informal discussion with industry representatives, with each student receiving a hat as a takeaway.

CAWP appreciates the partnership with Plum Contracting, the Operating Engineers, and Connellsville CTC in supporting workforce development and industry awareness.

[View Photos](#)

CAWP to Host Human Resources Networking Reception – May 7

Join us on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the CAWP office for a Human Resources Networking Reception designed specifically for HR professionals within our member companies. This casual, collaborative gathering offers a valuable opportunity to connect with peers across the construction industry, share insights, and discuss common challenges facing today's workforce.



Through conversation and networking, attendees can exchange ideas and explore creative approaches to problem-solving in HR.

Food and beverages will be provided.

All HR professionals from CAWP member companies are invited to attend. We look forward to bringing our HR community together for an engaging and productive afternoon.

[Register Now](#)



We're Improving CAWP.org

Tell Us What You Think

CAWP is committed to continually improving how we serve our members. We're currently working to enhance CAWP.org to make it easier to navigate, faster to find what you need, and to ultimately deliver an overall more beneficial experience for you.

This short survey will take less than two minutes and will help us prioritize updates based on what matters most to you.

We appreciate your feedback and thank you for taking the time to share your input.

[Take Survey](#)



CFMA Greater Pittsburgh Construction Industry Conference

The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) will host the Greater Pittsburgh Construction Industry Conference on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Regional Learning Alliance. This conference will provide a wealth of relevant information from highly regarded regional and national speakers that will cover the hottest topics affecting the construction market.

[More Info & Registration](#)

**Help Improve Work Zone
Safety: Take the 2026 AGC &
HCSS Work Zone**



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Awareness Survey

AGC of America, in partnership with HCSS, is asking highway and transportation members to complete a brief survey to help improve work zone safety. The **AGC of America & HCSS 2026 Work Zone Awareness Survey** collects information on the frequency, severity, and impacts of work zone crashes, along with potential solutions.

AGC will use the results to support a national media and public education campaign launching ahead of Memorial Day to encourage safer driving during the busy summer travel season. The data will also help strengthen advocacy efforts for tougher work zone safety laws and enforcement.

Please take a few minutes to complete this important highway work zone safety survey by May 8, 2026.

Questions, comments or concerns about this survey and AGC's plans to use it to promote highway work zone safety can be directed to Brian Turmail at 703-459-0238 or brian.turmail@agc.org.

Take Survey

Join CAWP in Supporting the Construction Hike for Hope

CAWP is proud to sponsor the **Construction Hike for Hope**, a fundraising and awareness event supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).



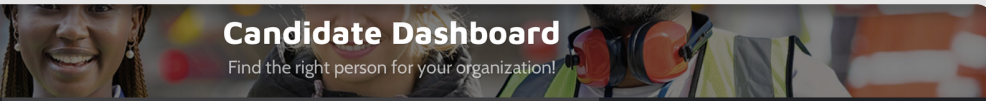
The event brings together members of the construction community to show support for mental health and help raise funds for suicide prevention programs, education, and outreach. By participating, the industry can help foster stronger conversations around mental wellness and support those who may be struggling.

CAWP encourages members to learn more, participate, or support the cause.

- Date: 05/16/2026
- Location: Settlers Cabin Park (Iroquois and Apache Pavilions), Pittsburgh, PA
- On-Site Registration Starts: 9:00 am
- Program Starts: 10:00 am
- **CAWP will be near the registration area starting at 9:30 a.m.—stop by, say hello, and grab your [YinzGood](#) T-shirt while supplies last!**

Details and Registration

Find Qualified Candidates in the Apprenticeship Readiness Course Dashboard



Candidate Dashboard

Find the right person for your organization!

1. FILTER

- Gender #
- 18 +
- Race / Ethnicity
- Training School
- Working Counties
- Certifications / Licenses
- Equipment

2. REVIEW LISTINGS & SELECT A CANDIDATE

Name	Email	Equipment List	Working Counties
Jeffery ...	jeffery@...@gmail.com	Crane, Excavator, Loader, Skid-Steer, Forklift	Bedford, Bucks, Cambria, Cameron, Cumberland, Erie, Lebanon, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Somerset, Susquehanna
Tyrone ...	tyrone@...@gmail.com	none	Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Westmoreland
Mrs. ...	mrs@...@hotmail.com	Loader	Berks
Mason ...	mason@...@gmail.com	Aerial Lift, Dozer, Excavator, Loader, Skid-Steer, Forklift, Backhoe, Commercial Vehicle	Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland
Andrea ...	andrea@...@yahoo.com	Forklift	Allegheny
Travis ...	travis@...@hotmail.com	Dozer, Excavator, Loader, Skid-Steer	Armstrong
Andrew ...	andrew@...@gmail.com	none	Beaver, Bradford, Erie, Fayette, Lawrence, Mercer

3. REVIEW CANDIDATE'S INFO

Name

Email

Resume [Download Resume](#)

Address

Zip Code

County

18 +

Gender

Race / Ethnicity

Veteran

Working Counties

In need of an experienced concrete finisher or crane operator, or looking for talent with OSHA 10 Hour training or has a CDL?

With our Candidate Dashboard, you can easily connect with the right talent for your organization by searching candidates who have completed the Apprenticeship Readiness Course. These motivated individuals are interested in highway construction careers and are based in western Pennsylvania.

Candidate profiles can be filtered by equipment experience, certifications, training, and more, with the ability to easily download their resume or access contact information.

Recent candidates who have completed the course include:

- An individual with a PennDOT Flagger Card, OSHA 10 Hour training, and

dozer, excavator, backhoe, and skid-steer experience.

- An individual in Lawrence County with First Aid/CPR certification and material handling and forklift experience.

[How to Use the Dashboard](#)

[Access the Candidate Dashboard](#)

Password: frbarcdashboard2025

Did you use the Candidate Dashboard from the Apprenticeship Readiness Course to hire recently?

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.

[Take the Survey](#)

MENTAL HEALTH
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May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and this year's theme is 'More Good Days, Together', which encourages reflection on what a 'good' day looks like, both for oneself and their community. 'Good' doesn't have to mean happy or productive, it can mean calm, manageable, or something else defined by you.

In Mental Health America's 2026 Mental Health Month Action Guide, they compiled a variety of resources for ease of use, including articles, worksheets, online activities, and

practical resources for mental and physical health.

Mental Health Month Action Guide

**Connect with YinzGood? online - find us on
Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn!**



CAWP Staff Take on the Pittsburgh Marathon

Shoutout to CAWP staff members **Jason Koss** and **Stephanie Teagarden** for taking on the Pittsburgh Marathon yesterday—great accomplishment!

We know many of our CAWP members were out there as well, and we applaud everyone who participated. Crossing that finish line is a great accomplishment!

Have photos from race day? We'd love to see them—feel free to share with us!

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