

# MENTAL HEALTH IN CONSTRUCTION TOOLKIT



For Contractors Committed to Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

#### **Build Stronger Teams. Saves Lives.**

Mental health is jobsite safety. Contractors play a critical role in protecting not just the physical safety of their crews—but their emotional and mental well-being, too. This Virtual Mental Health at Work Kit equipscontractors with practical tools to start the conversation, reduce stigma, and connect workers with real support.

## WHAT'S INSIDE THE KIT?

### 1. Weekly Toolbox Talks (Download & Deliver)

Straightforward, easy-to-run talks you can build into dailyhuddles or safety meetings. Topics include:

- Mental Health 101
- Substance Use & the Workplace
- · Suicide Prevention Starts With Us
- · Normalizing the Conversation
- · How to Ask for Help (and Offer It)

Each talk includes a leader script, key discussion points, and takeaways—designed specifically for construction crews.

#### 2. Contractor-Focused Resource Library

All resources are available for free via WWCCA.org, including:

- Mental Health Awareness Posters
- Crisis Support Cards for Workers
- · Customizable Jobsite Signage
- Union & Local Support Lines
- Links to Crisis and other Resources, both local and national

#### 3. Communication Templates

Plug-and-play templates for company-wide emails, safety bulletins, and supervisor talking points to normalize mental health conversations from the top down.

#### 4. Leadership Briefing (Optional Add-On)

A 30-minute virtual session for leadership teams on how to create a psychologically safe jobsite, spot warning signs, and encourage help-seeking.

## **WHY IT MATTERS**

- Construction has one of the highest suicide rates of any industry.
- 1 in 5 construction workers reports struggling with mental health.
- · A simple conversation can save a life.

Questions? Need Support? Reach out to Stephanie Lemek for guidance on how to roll this out with your teams.

