

May . . . National Mental Health Awareness Month

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Agenda

- State of the Union Covid 19
- **◆** A Bit of History
- Why Construction; Risks; Leadership
- Integration into your Companies
- Resources
- ◆ Q&A





State of the Union – Covid 19 impacts

- 4 in 10 adults report anxiety/depression
- impacts on mental health & well being
- difficulty sleeping / eating
- increase alcohol/drug usage





Those most impacted

- People who lost jobs
- People of color
- Essential workers





Suicide Impact – A Complex Subject and Reporting

- ◆ Mixed bag CDC suicide data not available
- Crisis Response Network reporting 6% decline in suicide deaths nationally
- Awareness and resource utilization has grown
- Experts expecting a delayed impact





AZ Status

2019 Suicide Stats

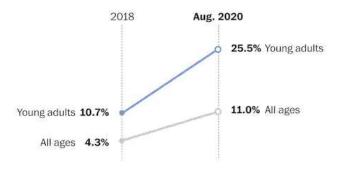
- Leading cause of death for ages 10-14
- Nearly 1,500 AZ suicide deaths
- Similar to National; AZ 2020 numbers not available
- ◆ Pima County reports 67% increase in suicides 2020 over 2019





Suicidal thoughts increase during pandemic

The number of people who said they have seriously considered suicide in the past 30 days has increased most dramatically among the youngest adults (ages 18 to 24).



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

AARON STECKELBERG AND WILLIAM WAN/THE WASHINGTON POST





Where We Began

- ◆ CFMA Regional Conference in 2015
- Cal Beyer our "founder"
- First SP Summit
- Then came CIASP





CFMA vs. CIASP

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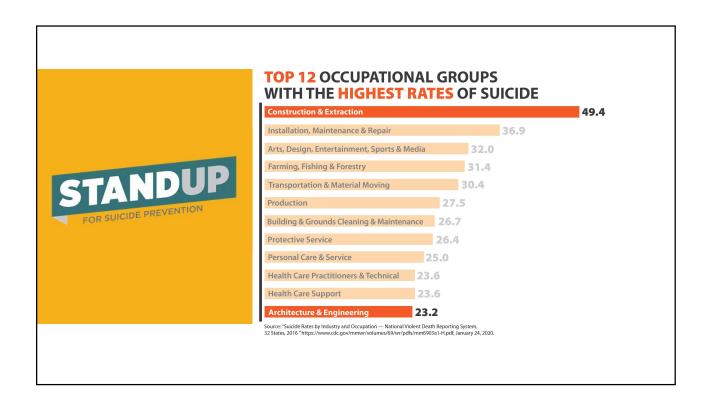
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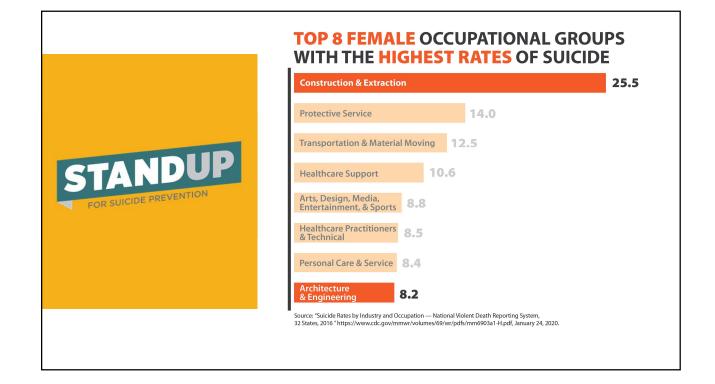
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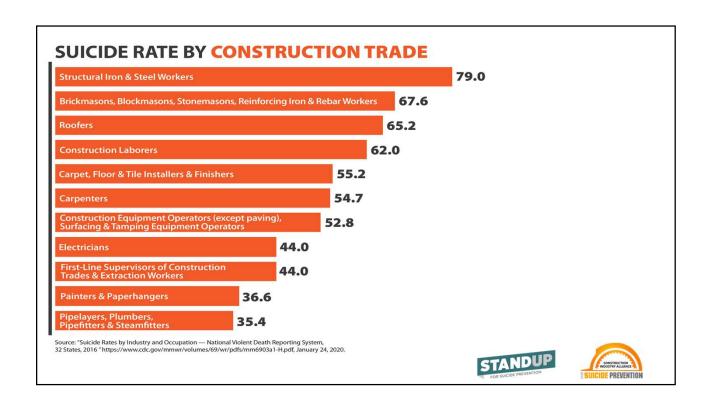
Industry / Association Focus











Construction Industry Risk Factors

- 1. Tough guy culture
- 2. Chronic pain
- 3. Sleep problems
- 4. Isolation/Separation
- 5. Layoffs
- 6. Prevalent drug & alcohol abuse

- 7. High pressure
- 8. Lethal means
- 9. Use of Behavioral Health Care
- 10. Leadership training
- 11. Skills gap
- 12. Veterans





What are the warning signs?

Workplace performance:

- solving abi
- Decreased problemsolving ability
- Increased tardiness/absenteeism
- Decreased self-confidence
- Increased conflict among co-workers
- Decreased productivity
- Increased near hits, incidents, injuries





What are the warning signs? Co-workers, Friends & Family May Notice: Acting Expressing Getting affairs Increased drug anxious, feelings of in order agitated, or or alcohol use hopelessness reckless Being sad or Feeling like Talking about depressed they are a wanting to die most of the burden Sleeping too Unable to Extreme mood Withdrawing control anger unable to swings STANDUP



Organizational Role: Leadership

- Be bold!
- Establish caring company culture
- Share lived experience, stories of hope
- Commitment to Zero Suicide
- Promote Social Networks





Organizational Role: Safety

- Safety meetings
- Tool box talks
- THA/JHA
- Site safety review/audits
- Training
- Broaden Zero Accidents to Zero Suicides





Organizational Role: Managers/Foremen/Superintendents

- Supervisory Training including:
 - Relationship building with employees
 - Identifying and dealing productively with disciplinary issues (using as a learning/building opportunity, not destructive)
 - Importance of teams/bonds creating peer support systems – considering in dispatch/scheduling
- Promote "My Brother's Keeper" mentality watching out for each other





Organizational Role: Human Resources

HR is a key policy department and critical to SP culture!

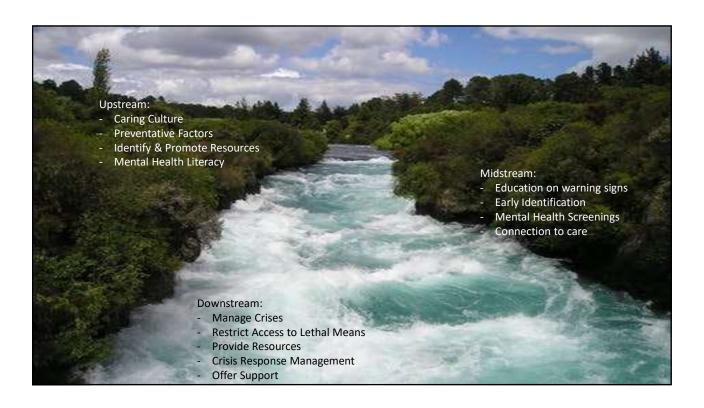
- Job/personal conduct
- Drug & alcohol
- Safety violations
- Attendance



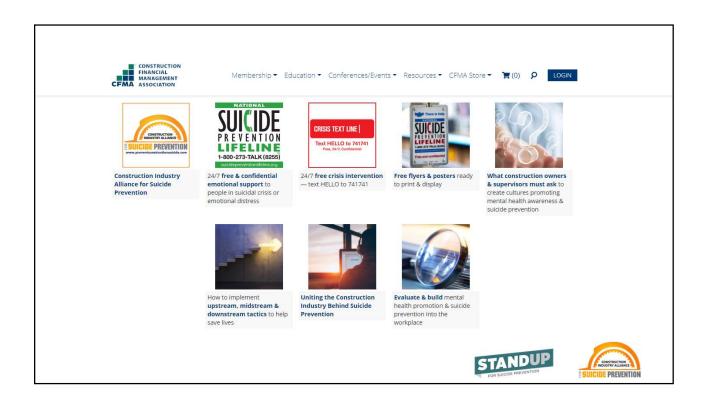














Know How to Respond: TASC

Tune in

Tune in: When you notice or sense that a person may need help, focus your attention on them for warning signs

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Ask: Ask if they are thinking about suicide clearly, directly & calmly – and without judgement

State

State: State that suicide is serious and that connecting to help is important

Connect

Connect: Connect the person to a helping resource who knows suicide first-aid skills





www.preventconstructionsuicide.com/Training







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Thanks for attending!

Spread the word within your company and to your clients

Q & A ????



