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Individual Spotlight: Benjamin "BJ" Moyars

When not at work serving with the Battle Ground Police Department in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Benjamin "BJ" Moyars' time is spent as the co-owner (along with Sooyeon Shin) of Moyars Consulting LLC, a firm that specializes in law enforcement training, providing certified

training to police officers nationwide on topics such as cultural diversity, mental illness, domestic violence, and human trafficking. BJ is Crisis Intervention Team Certified, serves as a committee member of IPATH's Labor Trafficking Committee, and recently became Co-Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee, along with Det. Sgt. Jon Daggy of the IMPD's Vice and Human Trafficking Investigations Unit.

Growing up the son of a journalist and the County's Sheriff, curiosity is in BJ's genetics, and this curiosity initially led him to China, where he learned the language and cultural knowledge needed to not only benefit law enforcement in their investigations, but also help protect the Asian community from potential misunderstandings due to cultural differences or language barriers. Due to this background in Chinese language and culture, and employment in law enforcement, BJ developed an immediate attraction to pursuing anti-trafficking efforts through training officers and interpreting in the field.

Yet, when BJ first became certified to train on human trafficking, even he admits to feeling distant from the human trafficking world, due to falling into the Hollywood "Taken" trap. That is until he discovered the value of his Mandarin fluency to law enforcement field operations through assisting with a federal task force.



Serving on two different committees, BJ has a unique view to what are sometimes opposing perspectives. As a result, he firmly believes that nothing bad can come from slowing opinions down and putting in the effort to learn more of what other equally passionate groups are doing and why they are doing it or are required to do it.

As an example of a successful intervention, BJ shared the following story: Not too long ago, a law enforcement department, after receiving training from BJ, successfully connected a survivor to a nonprofit legal services provider. This service provider was able to arrange for immediate services, including transportation across state lines to provide the survivor access to shelter. This story illustrates perfectly how coordination of training, law enforcement, and victim services can come together and support survivors in a trauma informed, culturally comprehensive, and survivor-centered way.

hired dancers in the past. Yet, options for work remain limited, which is why Unconditional is in the process of launching a one-year workforce development program that will include job experience with a social enterprise partner, Trace Fashion.

Unconditional's role in combating human trafficking is unique. Many assume that every woman that dances is a victim of sex trafficking, which is simply not true. The women Unconditional meets through outreach dance because of choice, circumstance, or coercion (trafficking). However, in the past year Unconditional has seen a significant increase of trafficking in the clubs. Most women attribute that to SESTA/FOSTA because instead of connecting women to clients online, pimps have started using the clubs as a meeting point. This means that Unconditional can now often spot someone who is trafficked and start building trust with her while she's at work, and women from the clubs have even called Unconditional for support for friends who are being trafficked.

Ultimately, Unconditional states that to better serve women working in the field, protect their rights, and keep them safe, those in the anti-trafficking movement must set aside their own prejudices of sex work. Trafficking in the clubs can be prevented by dropping society's stigmas of dancers and sex workers.

This is also why Unconditional's role is so important. By going in the clubs, Unconditional can begin to understand the culture, and see firsthand what obstacles the friends made through outreach face. Unconditional can tell women right there that they believe them and will walk with them to pursue justice.

If you are interested in getting involved, Unconditional asks you first listen to their podcast, "It's Complicated: Conversations about the Sex Industry", available on iTunes, Spotify, and googleplay.

In addition, Unconditional is always looking for variety of volunteers, and is currently hiring a part time case manager. For more information, visit the website: unconditionalindy.com or follow Unconditional on instagram and facebook: @unconditionalindy.

Agency Spotlight: Unconditional



For this newsletter's organizational spotlight, the nonprofit organization Unconditional, whose mission is to love unconditionally by encouraging, empowering, and equipping women in the adult entertainment industry, was selected. Simply put, Unconditional is a support network for women in the industry, with a concentration on women working in strip clubs.

Unconditional's work begins with outreach. Since 2012, Unconditional has gone into local strip clubs, bringing gifts to everyone working there. Through developing relationships, Unconditional builds life transforming friendships which allow women to be connected to services when needed without the power dynamic of service provider vs recipient. This is critical as many dancers and sex workers may not access services for fear of being honest about their occupation due to past discrimination from service providers.

As a result, Unconditional is in a unique position to help women navigate needed resources, such as connections to assistance for domestic violence, addiction, homelessness, and more. In addition, Unconditional works to fill in the gaps where there are not pre-existing services, such as an exit plan strategy for women who want to quit the club.

Unconditional also has a support group for former dancers every week through which Unconditional helps fill in financial gaps women need while getting on their feet. Unconditional also connects them to jobs that have



IN THE LITERATURE



Understanding Human Trafficking: Development of Typologies of Traffickers PHASE II

In the research article “Understanding Human Trafficking: Development of Typologies of Traffickers PHASE II, Noel Busch-Armendariz, Maura Nsonwu, and Laurie Cook Heffron discuss the findings of Phase II of a research project aimed at developing perpetrator typologies for human trafficking.

Even though these findings only represent the first of two phases of a multi-phase research project, this research can help service providers and others begin to conceptualize the large variety of human trafficking crimes that exist and their impact on victims. In these first two phases, the researchers’ goal was to explore types of traffickers based on key characteristics found in both literature and data gathered from prosecuted cases.

Ultimately, four types of traffickers were identified, although it is important to note that these are working typologies that may change or adjust with the addition of further research. The four types are organized into two subgroups: *Shattering the American Dream*, which includes two types of labor trafficking 1) organized labor exploitation and 2) family based domestic servitude, and *John’s Demand*, which includes two types of sex trafficking, 3) U.S. and 4) foreign-born citizens.

The researchers recognize that many questions remain, which means that those involved in the investigation, prosecution, and victim services fields must continue to be creative and have flexible thinking with regards human trafficking and the findings in this research. After all, the methods and strategies used by traffickers are also flexible and creative. Thus, this research is not intended as a final solution or response, but the beginning of further research and investigation into human trafficking perpetrator typologies.

Read the full article [here](#).

IN THE NEWS



Human Trafficking Impacts Hoosiers

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and IPATH's very own Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator Kate Kimmer along with Learned Experience Expert Alex Harris spoke with WFYI about what human trafficking looks like in the Hoosier State.

Highlighted in this news story is the fact that vulnerable populations are the ones most often targeted by traffickers, and that trafficking occurs all over the state. Importantly, traffickers, which can include family members, will prey on those most vulnerable in our society to exploit and abuse them.

Read the full article [here](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2020

17th: Addressing Harm, Accountability, and Healing within Populations of Color
Presented by: ICESAHT [Register](#)

21st: Forced and Child Marriage in the U.S.
Presented by: Great KIDS Make Great COMMUNITIES [Register](#)

14th: Call for Proposals Due Date
For: Southern Indiana Human Trafficking Awareness Conference [Register](#)

April 2020

27th and 28th: ICESAHT Statewide Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Conference
Presented by: ICESAHT [Register](#)

May 2020

14th and 15th: Build Beyond 2020
Presented by: Ascent 121 [Register](#)

12th: Southern Indiana Human Trafficking Awareness Conference [Register](#)

VOLUNTEER

Organization: All Worthy of Love
Activity: Street Outreach
Contact Info: Liz Pitcher
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Organization: Unconditional
Activity: Varies [Register](#)

Organization: Purchased
Activity: Mentoring [Register](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Title: Part Time Case Manager
Organization: Unconditional

[For more information, click here.](#)

Title: Program Coordinator
Organization: Domestic Violence Network (DVN)

[For more information, click here.](#)

About IPATH:

The IPATH Taskforce is comprised of law enforcement, advocacy groups, service providers, worker organizers, and community leaders to facilitate a coordinated, multi-disciplinary state response to more effectively address human trafficking throughout Indiana. We believe this can only be successfully accomplished through a survivor-centered, trauma-informed, culturally sensitive approach.

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Have events, or job and volunteer opportunities for the newsletter?

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