

# BOUNDLESS FROM VICTIMIZATION TO SUCCESS

With Special Emphasis in Immigrant Women Victims of Violence





# IX ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE October 9, 2014

Sheraton Hotel - Downtown Indianapolis

The acceptance, recognition and support of women in all aspects of society should not only be a top priority of government but that of all community members. Throughout time, the battle for Women's Rights has been one of the most underrepresented and least publicly discussed issues due in large part to the fact that women have been constantly confronting male abuse within their communities and their homes. Without a doubt, the world would be a different place if women were continually given the opportunity to utilize their full potential as professional and independent individuals. Unfortunately, a world in which gender equality exists will not become a reality until mass change occurs.

Female victims of violence are not only faced with the challenge of ending the abuse but also face the challenge of becoming independent and successful within society. The mission of service providers cannot be to simply break the cycle of violence; they must also focus on aiding victims in the attainment of personal and economic independence. These efforts will not succeed without the support of government authorities, state officials and the community as a whole. Therefore, it is essential to secure new and relevant partnerships that work toward ending violence and attaining self-sufficiency for victims; this must happen in order to decrease the ever-rising number of abused and murdered women across the nation.

The objective of our 2014 Annual Conference is to offer service providers valuable information and tangible tools that highlight the importance of going beyond the traditional services provided to victims of violence. This conference looks to create the awareness and energy needed to mobilize all agents in the community to participate in the elimination of violence and crime. To this avail, this year's speakers will be Dr. Irvin Waller, President of the International Organization for Victim Assistance, and Catherine O'Connor, President/CEO of The Julian Center. Mary Allen, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, will also join us as a guest speaker.

In addition to these noteworthy speakers, five powerful, influential and highly successful Indiana women will be sharing their experiences at a round table discussion. As women are often in the best position to help other women, these inspirational females will share their personal stories and thoughts on success. They will also talk about what steps women, particularly survivors of violence, need to take in order to become self-sufficient and financially independent.

In order to directly assist service providers, six workshops will be conducted and have been specifically designed to help service providers acquire knowledge and develop the necessary skills needed to properly utilize major planning and intervention tools available when helping survivors move beyond breaking the cycle of violence and onto the path toward self-sufficiency and success.

We welcome professionals, service providers, students, domestic violence victims, community leaders and others to gather with us at our Annual Conference in order to explore these crucial topics, develop new skills and perspectives and enhance the daily work dedicated to helping those in need.

# Agenda

7:00 - 8:00 am	Registration
7:00 - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome by MC, Channel 13 One World Flag Parade Board Member Greetings
9:00 - 9:15 am	Mary Allen - Guest Speaker
9:15 - 10:15 am	Catherine O'Connor Keynote Speaker
10:15 - 10:25 am	Exhibit Break
10:25 - 11:25 am	Session 1: Workshops
11:25 - 11:35 am	Exhibit Break
11:35 - 12:10 pm	Networking
12:10 - 2:00 pm	Lunch Greetings from Board President Dr. Irvin Waller - Keynote Speaker Candlelight Ceremony
2:00 - 2:10 pm	Exhibit Break
2:10 - 3:10 pm	Round Table - Successful Women
3:10 - 3:20 pm	Exhibit Break
3:20 - 4:20 pm	Session 2: Workshops
4:20 - 5:00 pm	Thank you Gifts to participants

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## **Doctor Irvin Waller**

President of the International Organization for Victim Assistance, and professor of criminology at the University of Ottawa in Canada.

He won awards in the USA and internationally for his work to develop and advocate for a magna carta for victims. This became a reality in 1985 when the United Nations (UN) General Assembly resolved to adopt and implement the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power in 1985. He has worked a model law to make victim rights a reality in the 21st century.

His work has won recognition across the world, particularly from his role as the founding executive director of the International Centre for Prevention of Crime, affiliated with the UN. He has served on national commissions in Canada, South Africa /during the Mandela years) and the USA. He played key roles in the development of the UN Guidelines on crime prevention and has advised intergovernmental organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

He has a trilogy books with Smarter Crime Control: A guide to a safer future for citizens, communities, and politicians; Less Law, More Order: The Truth about Reducing Crime; and Rights for Victims of Crime: Rebalancing Justice. These are making national and local legislators in the USA, Canada, Europe and Latin America re-think crime policy to prevent violence. He reaches a growing audience through Twitter and his blog at irvinwaller.org.



# Catherine O'Connor

President/CEO of The Julian Center. She has serve as Senior Director of Public Policy at Planned Parenthood of Indiana, and as Vice President of the Indiana Humanities Council, Inc. In addition, she was Public Safety Policy Director for Gobernors O'Bannon and Kernan. Also, she was Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.



# Mary Allen

Executive Director of Indiana Criminal Justice Insitute. (ICJI). Mrs. Allen began her career, in 1997, as a bail commissioner with the Marion County Justice Agency. In 2005, shey joined the ICJI, and in April 2012, she was appointed ICJI's Executive Director by Governor Mitch Daniels and reappointed, earlier this year, by Governor Mike Pence.



### Session 1 (10:25 - 11:25 am)

### **Community Action to Stop Violence Against Women**

(Presenter: Rebecca Kubacki, Indiana State Representative)

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Awareness bonds people of different groups and ethnicities together by acknowledging the struggles and patterns of fellow humans and by collectively gathering ideas on how to find solutions to persistent problems. Awareness involves understanding how members of the community at both individual and organizational levels can be involved in the battle against violence. At this workshop, social providers will learn how to approach individuals and organizations in order to develop common initiatives to stop violence against women.

### How Indiana Cares for Her Victims; Stories and Best Practices from Around the State

(Presenters: Sharon Langlotz - Assistant Division Director, and Grant Managers Sarah Davis, Michael Scime, Sandra Warren, Deirdre Westrate, and Florence Williams, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute)

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Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's Victim Services team has a combined total of nearly 60 years of service in administering state and federal funds to organizations around the state. Join the Victim Services Grant Management Team for a panoramic view of how Indiana serves her victims and their families. Participants will leave with ideas and best practices and be inspired as they hear of the breadth and depth of commitment of Hoosiers who work every day advocating for those in need.

### **Transforming Victim Services**

(Presenter: James E. Hendersson Jr. Affiliate to Battered Women's Justice Project Association)

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Victimization plays a role in increasing criminality among women. This workshop will provide specific strategies to be used while supervising offenders who have been abused by intimate partners in an effort to enhance the safety and well being of victims while also holding them accountable for their crimes. Participants will discuss the dynamics of domestic violence and its implications. Guidelines for working with domestic violence victims and strategies for identifying and supervising offenders who have been victimized will be provided.

### Interactive Successful and Influential Women Panel (2:10 - 3:10 pm)

### **Interactive Successful Women Panel Participants**

In order to accurately emphasize how women can move from ordinary to extraordinary, this session will showcase a group of successful and influential women who will share their real-life experiences and provide effective strategies to help foster success in others.

- Rebecca Kubacki, Indiana State Representative
- Dr. Virginia A. Caine, Director of Marion County Health Department
- Tabitha Villarrubia, Attorney, Moreno & Villarrubia LLP
- Pamela Fleck, Executive Director, The Salvation Army
- Vera Long, Real State Assistant, Commercial Real Estate



(Presenter: Ronda K. Crouch, Economic Development Specialist, US Small Business Administration)

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Breaking free from violence is the first step toward a new life. Within this new life path, victims of violence may be dreaming of securing lasting independence by owning their own business. Victims often aspire to become entrepreneurs but lack the skills needed. Providers will learn ten basic steps to help victims move beyond the cycle of violence and what resources are available to promote self-sufficiency. Important tips on starting a business will be provided, including direct information about grants.

### **Development in the Immigration Law of Private Violence**

(Presenter: Linda Kelly, Professor, McKinney Law School)

A full review of recent developments in asylum and other immigration laws providing benefits to victims of domestic violence under the current law system will be provided in this workshop. The main purpose is to inform and train social providers in the latest immigration law.

### **Healing Women, Healing Society**

(Presenter: TBD)

The relationship between freedom and development has not been associated with the connection between violence-free and successful women in healthy communities, nor has society made this connection between Human Rights and Women's Rights. This workshop will demonstrate the direct impact that the positive, integral development of women has on the development of healthy communities, and how service providers can guide women victims of violence in the right direction in order to ensure full, successful integration in society.



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