Lesson 12

Prostitution

Activity 1

NGO's and Prostitution

Each person or group should research and present one of the following organizations to the class.

1. Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women

The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) is an Alliance of more than 80 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world. The International Secretariat of GAATW based in Bangkok, Thailand, coordinates the activities of the Alliance, collects and disseminates information, and advocates on behalf of the Alliance at regional and international level.

2. Prostitutes' Education Network

The Prostitutes' Education Network is an information service about legislative and cultural issues that affect prostitutes and other sex workers. The service is comprised of information for sex workers and activists/educators who study issues of decriminalization, human rights in the context of prostitution, violence against prostitutes and women, sex workers and pornography, and current trends in legislation and social policy in the U.S. and internationally.

3. The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-International (CATW)

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-International (CATW) is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's human rights by working internationally to combat sexual exploitation in all its forms. Founded in 1988, CATW was the first international non-governmental organization to focus on human trafficking, especially sex trafficking of women and girls. CATW obtained Category II Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1989.

4. Network of Sex Work Projects

In 1991, an informal alliance of sex workers and organizations that provide services to sex workers merged and became the Network of Sex Work Projects. NSWP is a legally constituted international organization for promoting sex workers' health and human rights. 000With member organizations in more than 40

countries, the Network develops partnerships with technical support agencies to work on independently-financed projects.

5. SAGE Project (Standing Against Global Prostitution)

SAGE Online is the online center for The SAGE Project—Standing Against Global Exploitation. SAGE Online is the primary web resource for information about commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) of both children and adults, and the efforts to end it. SAGE Online also includes information for CSE survivors and their families. The SAGE Project is one of the few organizations that is survivor-centric: it was founded by a CSE survivor, is designed for and run predominantly by survivors, and offers legislators, law enforcement, and others interested in CSE information a valuable survivor-oriented perspective.