English Translation of Brazil's Labor and Employment Ministry Primer on Sex Professional

CBO - Brazilian Classification of Occupations

5198: Professional of sex

5198-05 - Sex professional - (Garota de programa) Program girl, (Garoto de programa) Program boy, Meretriz, Messalina, Michê, Mulher da vida (Life woman), Puta (Whore), Prostitute, Quenga, Rapariga (Lass), Sex worker, Transsexual (sex professionals), Transvestite (sex professionals)

Brief Description

They do sexual programs in private locations, public roads and gold prospecting places; they assist and accompany customers men and women, of several sexual orientations; they manage individual and family budgets; they promote the category organization. They carry out educational activities in the sexuality field; they advertise the services they render. The activities are exercised following rules and procedures that minimize the profession vulnerabilities.

Characteristic of the Job

General terms of its exercise

They work on their own initiative, in the street, in bars, night-clubs, hotels, harbor, highways and in garimpos (gold prospecting places). They act in different environments: open air, closed places and inside vehicles, in irregular schedules. In the exercise of some of their activities they can be exposed to vehicles gases, to bad weather, to sound pollution and to social discrimination. There are still risks of getting STD infections, bad-treatment, street violence and death.

Formation and experience

For the exercise of the profession is required that the workers take part in workshops on safe sex, offered by the category associations. Other complementary courses of professional formation, such as, beauty courses, personal care, budget planning, as well as vocational courses for alternative sources of income also are offered by the associations, in several states.

Access to the career is open to those who are 18 or older; the average education is between fourth and seventh grade. Full performance of activities occurs after two years of experience.

Activities areas

- A TO GET AN ENCOUNTER
- **B-TO MINIMIZE THE VULNERABILITIES**
- C TO SERVE CUSTOMERS
- D TO ACCOMPANY CUSTOMERS
- E TO MANAGE BUDGETS
- F TO PROMOTE THE CATEGORY ORGANIZATION
- G TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SEXUALITY

TO GET AN ENCOUNTER

- 1 To plan the battle
- 2 To become visually appealing
- 3 Wait in place (to wait for someone who didn't promise to come)
- 4 To seduce with the look
- 5 To approach the customer
- 6 To charm with the voice
- 7 To seduce with affectionate nicknames
- 8 To conquer with the touch
- 9 To involve with perfume
- 10 To offer the customer specialties
- 11 To recognize the customer's potential
- 12 To dance for the customer
- 13 To dance with the customer
- 14 To satisfy the customer's ego
- 15 To praise the customer

B-TO MINIMIZE THE VULNERABILITIES

- 1 To negotiate with the customer the use of condom
- 2 To wear condom
- 3 To apply water-based lubricant gel
- 4 To take part in safe-sex workshops
- 5 To recognize sexually transmissible diseases (STDs)
- 6 To do integral health follow up
- 7 To promote campaigns on the risks of taking hormones
- 8 To promote campaign on the risks of getting liquid silicone
- 9 To denounce physical violence
- 10 To denounce discrimination

C - TO SERVE CUSTOMERS

- 1 To prepare the working kit (condom, accessories, make-up)
- 2 To specify working schedule
- 3 To negotiate erotic services
- 4 To negotiate price
- 5 To fulfill erotic fantasies

- 6 To take care of the customer's personal hygiene
- 7 To do strip-tease
- 8 To give caresses
- 9 To relax the customer with massages
- 10 To role play
- 11 To invent stories
- 12 To engage in sexual relations
- 13 To give advice to customers emotionally deprived
- 14 To render first aid
- 15 To go shopping for the garimpo (gold prospecting site)
- 16 To wash garimpeiros' clothes
- 17 To take care of those who fall ill in the garimpo
- 18 To pose for pictures

D - TO ACCOMPANY CUSTOMERS

- 1 To be a companion to the tourist
- 2 To be a companion to the solitary customer
- 3 To accompany a customer in trips
- 4 To accompany customer in parties and strolls
- 5 To have dinner with the customer
- 6 To stay overnight with the customer

E - TO MANAGE BUDGETS

- 1 To write down daily revenue
- 2 To list bills to pay
- 3 To pay bills
- 4 To pay contribution to INSS (Social Security)
- 5 To contribute to the family income
- 6 To separate part of the daily revenue for a savings account
- 7 To apply money in a bank
- 8 To open home savings account
- 9 To invest in income complementation services
- 10 To invest in gold nuggets

F - TO PROMOTE THE CATEGORY ORGANIZATION

- 1 To promote the professional valorization of the category
- 2 To give self-organization courses
- 3 To support the associations organization
- 4 To do campaigns to get new members
- 5 To make political articulations
- 6 To fight child prostitution
- 7 To take part in organized activities
- 8 To train information multipliers

- 9 To distribute condoms
- 10 To contribute for the historical documentation of prostitution
- 11 To foment general education
- 12 To foment vocational courses
- 13 To revendicate funds for professionalization
- 14 To take part in organizing first-aid courses
- 15 To revendicate basic courses of foreign languages
- 16 To take part in organizing beauty and massage courses

G - TO CARRY OUT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SEXUALITY

- 1 To create educational theater script
- 2 To produce educational shows
- 3 To stage educational shows
- 4 To give interviews
- 5 To advise street girls
- 6 To give lectures in public schools
- 7 To give lectures in policemen's formation and recycling courses

Personal Strengths

- 1 To demonstrate persuasion capacity
- 2 To demonstrate ability to express with gestures
- 3 To demonstrate capacity to fulfill erotic fantasies
- 4 To act with honesty
- 5 To show patience
- 6 To plan for the future
- 7 To be solidary with companions
- 8 To listen attentively (to learn how to listen)
- 9 To demonstrate playing capacity
- 10 To respect the customer's silence
- 11 To show capacity of communicating in a foreign language
- 12 To demonstrate professional ethics
- 13 To keep professional secret
- 14 To respect code of not courting work colleagues
- 15 To provide pleasure
- 16 To take care of personal hygiene
- 17 To conquer the customer

Working Resources

- * War wardrobe
- * Male and female condom
- * Business cards
- * Identification documents

- * Water-based gel lubricant
- * Toilet paper Moist napkins
- * Accessories
- * Make-up Alcohol
- * Cell phone
- * Appointment book

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