

# **Social Problems–Social Solutions**

## **Purpose:**

To gain an appreciation of the dimensions of a social problem and learn what social agencies are doing to address the problem.

## **Resources:**

Agency web sites accessed from a keyword search of search engines and/or directories.

## **Task:**

1. Identify a social problem–American or global–that is of interest to you.
2. Use the Internet to find three agencies that address this problem.
3. Analyze the dimensions of the problem as addressed by each of the agencies.
4. Conclude with an evaluation of which agency you think is most effective.

## **What to write:**

One inch margins, 12 point default font, 1.5 inches line spacing.

1. Topic Title page.
2. General summary of issues involved in this social problem (one page).
3. For each agency
  - a. Name the agency
  - b. Provide the agency's web site URL.
  - c. Summarize what the agency says about the problem.
  - d. Summarize the programs offered by the agency to address the problem.
  - e. Analyze the work of the agency. Issues to address include:
    - 1) How reputable is the agency? How do you know?
    - 2) How long has the agency been operating?
    - 3) What has the agency accomplished?
    - 4) If statistics about the problem are used, how can they be verified? Are sources given?
  - f. Conclusion–consider the following:
    - 1) Is the agency reliable and/or effective? Would you support it? Would you join it or work for it?
    - 2) What other dimensions of the problem does the agency not address?
4. General Conclusion:
  - a. Which agency does the best job of addressing this problem?
  - b. What have you learned?

## **Grading depends on**

1. Following directions
2. Quality of analysis
3. Grammar