### MYTH

- Sexual Assault is a crime of passion or sex.
- Sexual Assault happens to others, NOT ME.
- Only the young and beautiful are sexually assaulted.
- The typical sexual offender is a stranger to the victim.
- Sexual assaults occur in dark alleys, parks, cars, or at night.
- Those who are sexually assaulted must ask for it by their dress or their actions.
- A person cannot be sexually assaulted by a spouse.
- Victims often falsely report sexual assault.
- Rape is a serious but rare crime in the U.S.
- Non-stranger assaults are not as serious as stranger assaults.
- Saying “no” really mean “yes.”
- If both people are drunk no one can be accused of rape.
- People who are drunk are willing to engage in any kind of sexual activity.
- It is impossible to sexually assault a man.
- A person who has really been assaulted will be hysterical.
- Most people who commit rape, only do it once.
- You can tell a rapist by the way he/she looks.

### REALITY

- Sexual assault is a crime of violence, sex the weapon.
- As long as sexual assault exists, it can happen to anyone.
- Survivors are of all ages, race, socioeconomic status, education ....
- The vast majority of offenders are known to the victim.
- Most sexual assaults occur in a home (victim or offender).
- Rapists look for victims they perceive as vulnerable, not those who dress or act in a particular way.
- It is not the relationship, but whether consent was present.
- FBI reports less than 2% of reports are false.
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped in their lifetime.
- The trauma is no less if the assaulter is known to the victim.
- Saying “no” NEVER means “yes.”
- Both people being drunk does not remove the risk of rape.
- Alcohol and drugs can render a person incapable of consent.
- Men can and are sexually assaulted.
- Survivors exhibit a wide range of emotional responses to assault.
- Most rapist continue to rape until they are caught.
- Rapists are not identifiable by how they look.