

## **Myths About Domestic Violence**

1. Victims of domestic violence are masochistic.
2. Victims of domestic violence are crazy.
3. Middle class women do not get battered as frequently or as violently as do poorer women.
4. Women of ethnic and racial minorities are battered more frequently than other women.
5. Lesbians do not abuse their partners.
6. Religious beliefs will prevent domestic violence.
7. Victims of domestic violence are uneducated and have few job skills.
8. Batterers are violent in all their relationships.
9. Batterers are unsuccessful and lack resources to cope with the world.
10. Drinking causes domestic violence behavior.
11. Abusers are psychopathic personalities.
12. Police can protect the victims of domestic violence.
13. The batterer is never a loving partner.
14. Victims of domestic violence deserve to be beaten.
15. Women abused in prostitution are not really battered women.
16. Victims of domestic violence can always leave home.
17. Abusers will cease their violence "when we get married."
18. It's better for children to live with their father even if he abuses their mother.