Rape Myths vs. Reality

 Myth: “People are more likely to be raped by a stranger than someone they know.”

 Reality Check: People are most often assaulted by people they know.¹

 Myth: “Women ask to be raped if they dress provocatively, flirt with guys, or get drunk.”

 Reality Check: A victim’s manner of dress, behavior, or sexual history does not justify rape. Only rapists cause rape.

 Myth: “Guys can’t be raped.”

 Reality Check: Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault.

 Myth: “Most reports of rape are false.”

 Reality Check: Research shows that only 2-8% of all rape reports are false. Rape victims deserve our understanding, sensitivity, and support.²