Battered women are usually poor, uneducated and possess few job skills.

### Fiction

#### ACTUALLY,

Domestic violence happens to persons of any class, culture, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or gender.

Alcohol, drug abuse, stress, and mental illness cause domestic violence.

#### Fiction

Alcohol use, drug use, and stress do not cause domestic violence; they may go along with domestic violence, but they do not cause the violence. Abusers often say they use these excuses for their violence.

If it were that bad, she would just leave.

# Fiction

There are many reasons why women may not leave. Not leaving does not mean that the situation is okay or that the victim wants to be abused. Leaving can be dangerous. The most dangerous time for a woman who is being abused is when she tries to leave.

Domestic violence is not common.

## Fiction

•One in four American women report being physically assaulted and/or raped by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, or date at some time in their life.

•Every day in the US three women are murdered by a husband or boyfriend

The younger the child, the less the child will be affected by exposure to violence.

## Fiction

Young children are not immune to the effects of violence. Research suggests that young children are deeply affected by witnessing violence, esp. if the perpetrator or victim of violence is a family member.

Some people deserve to be hit.

### Fiction

#### **ACTUALLY**

No one deserves to be abused. The only person responsible for the abuse is the abuser. Physical violence, even among family members, is wrong and against the law

Domestic violence is a personal problem between a husband and a wife or between partners.

### Fiction

Domestic Violence affects everyone in the family. It is estimated that 3.3 million children in the US witness domestic violence every year.

Domestic violence is only physical.

## Fiction

Abusive actions against another person can be verbal, emotional, sexual, and physical.

Most children who witness domestic violence experience some symptoms associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

## Fact

**Child Witness to Violence Project** 

Young children will not remember the violence they have witnessed.

## Fiction

Children do not forget what they have witnessed. Young children demonstrate a remarkable capacity for recalling traumatic events.