What is Safe Place?
The mission of Safe Place is to offer a visible support system for victims of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking through outreach, crisis intervention, advocacy, and educational programming at California State University, Chico and Butte College campuses.

Crisis Intervention Services
- Catalyst Domestic Violence Peer advocates, Rape Crisis Intervention Peer counselors available to serve victims and survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking
- Provide appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.

Educational Programming
- Provide outreach activities to students, staff, and faculty on campus.
- Deliver prevention education presentations on the dynamics of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking.

Resources for Campus
- Information packets, handouts, and brochures.
- Safe Place staff can assist students or others interested in research.

Campus Resources
Counseling and Wellness Center (530) 898 - 4697
Student Health Center (530) 898 - 5241
University Police Department (530) 898 - 5555
AS Women’s Center (530) 898 - 5724
Judicial Affairs (530) 898-6897

Community Resources
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services 800– 895– 8476
Rape Crisis Intervention (530) 342 - 7273
Chico Police Department (530) 897 -4911
### Sexual Assault
- 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted during a 5-year college career.
- Sexual violence includes rape, attempted rape, incest, child sexual assault, sexual harassment and indecent exposure.
- It can happen anywhere at anytime, to anyone, male or females can be victimized.
- Sexual assault is a crime, used by one person to control, dominate and humiliate another.
- The offender, not the survivor, is always at fault.

**Myths & Truths**
- Myth: Women are most often sexually assaulted by strangers.
- **Truth:** Women are most often sexually assaulted by someone they know.
- Myth: Women make it up.
- **Truth:** False accusations are exceedingly rare.
- Myths: A woman says “no” when she means “yes.”
- **Truth:** No never means yes.

### Intimate Partner Violence
- 1 in 3 women will be victims of intimate partner violence (IPV).
- IPV can be defined as the abuse of one person to another with whom the abused has a significant and intimate relationship.
- IPV is not about anger; it is about control.
- The abuser uses different forms of violence to gain power and control in the relationship.

**Myths & Truths**
- Myth: She must have done something to deserve it.
- **Truth:** A person NEVER deserves to be a victim of violence.
- Myth: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) only happens to certain kinds of women.
- **Truth:** IPV can happen to any woman.
- Myth: IPV is only physical violence.
- **Truth:** Physical violence is preceded by verbal and emotional abuse.

### Stalking
- 18% of college women report being stalked.
- Stalking is a series of actions that makes the victim feel afraid or in danger.
- Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

**Myths & Truths**
- Myth: Stalking is not dangerous.
- **Truth:** Stalking is dangerous.
- Myth: You can’t be stalked by someone you’re still dating.
- **Truth:** If your partner tracks your every move making you fearful, that is stalking.
- Myth: If a victim ignores stalking, it will go away.
- **Truth:** Stalkers seldom “just stop.”