

**MidPenn Legal Services
Program Wide
Fact Sheet**

Mission: We provide critical help for those with critical needs. We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York Counties. We aim to provide the best service available to the greatest number of clients. We advise and represent on civil issues: domestic violence, custody, housing, health care, consumer, elder law and public benefits. The largest part of our caseload involves family law cases. We do not handle criminal cases.

Funding: Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 31% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from United Ways, bar associations, local groups, private foundations, and individuals.

MidPenn Service Area Poverty Statistics:

| | <u>2000</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Residents living below the poverty level | 9% | 10.7% |
| Food Stamp recipients | 3.8% | 8.7% |
| Eligible for Medical Assistance | 8.2% | 13.9% |
| Poverty Population | 240,919 | 292,011 |

| MidPenn Legal Services Cases Handled - FY0809 | MidPenn | Pro Bono | Total | % |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Consumer | 1659 | 343 | 2002 | 13.3% |
| Education | 11 | 25 | 36 | 0.2% |
| Employment | 336 | 17 | 353 | 2.3% |
| Family | 6011 | 1267 | 7278 | 48.3% |
| Juvenile | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0.1% |
| Health | 283 | 2 | 285 | 1.9% |
| Housing | 2747 | 68 | 2815 | 18.7% |
| Income Maintenance | 1815 | 179 | 1994 | 13.2% |
| Individual Rights | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0.0% |
| Other/Multiple Topics | 235 | 67 | 302 | 2.0% |
| TOTAL | 13109 | 1972 | 15081 | 100.0% |

MidPenn advocates spent 64,663.70 hours on cases in fiscal year 2008-2009

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