

**MidPenn Legal Services
Bedford County Office
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 Bedford County. 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 is 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 48% of our funds. PLAN distributes funds earned as interest on legal escrow accounts (IOLTA) and federal Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 38% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We also receive funding from the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging and the Bedford County Bar Association.

Bedford County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	10.15%	12.6%
Food Stamp recipients	5.1%	9.8%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	11.7%	16.8%

Bedford – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	54	2	56	13.8%
Education	0	0	0	0.0%
Employment	6	0	6	1.5%
Family	203	0	203	50.0%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	3	0	3	0.7%
Housing	67	0	67	16.5%
Income Maintenance	43	0	43	10.6%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	28	0	28	6.9%
TOTAL	404	2	406	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 1,222.00 hours on cases in Bedford County in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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