

**MidPenn Legal Services
Blair 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 Blair 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 Blair County Bar Association and the United Way of Blair County.

Blair County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12.27%	14.7%
Food Stamp recipients	8.5%	13.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	15.1%	20.4%
Poverty Population	15,840	18,540

Blair – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	140	27	167	18.0%
Education	2	0	2	0.2%
Employment	19	0	19	2.0%
Family	382	9	391	42.2%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	15	0	15	1.6%
Housing	237	0	237	25.6%
Income Maintenance	93	0	93	10.0%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	3	0	3	0.3%
TOTAL	891	36	927	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 3,095.60 hours on cases in Blair County in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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