

**MidPenn Legal Services
Centre/Huntingdon 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 Centre and Huntingdon 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 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 receive funding from the Centre County United Way, Centre County Office of Aging, Centre County Bar Association, State College Community Land Trust and Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

Centre County Statistics:

Huntingdon County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	16.75%	19.3%	10.16%	12.1%
Food Stamp recipients	2.3%	4.5%	6.0%	10.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	5.4%	8.1%	12.8%	17.4%
Poverty Population	22,742	28,219	4,631	5,512

Centre/Huntingdon – FY 09-10

Centre/Huntingdon – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	166	18	184	16.5%
Education	0	1	1	0.1%
Employment	13	1	14	1.3%
Family	398	56	454	40.6%
Juvenile	0	3	3	0.3%
Health	32	1	33	3.0%
Housing	261	3	264	23.6%
Income Maintenance	130	0	130	11.6%
Individual Rights	0	1	1	0.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	15	18	33	3.0%
TOTAL	1015	102	1117	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 4,193.00 hours on cases in Centre and Huntingdon Counties in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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