

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Cumberland 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 Cumberland 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 receive funding through the Cumberland County Bar Association, Big Spring Community Chest, Friends of Legal Services, the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the United Way of the Capital Region and Shippensburg Area United Way. MidPenn also receives Violence Against Women funding through a subcontract with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

**Cumberland County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.0%	6.1%
Food Stamp recipients	1.3%	3.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	4.4%	8.1%
Poverty Population	13,102	14,181

Cumberland – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	91	20	111	11.5%
Education	1	0	1	0.1%
Employment	11	3	14	1.4%
Family	398	111	509	52.6%
Juvenile	0	1	1	0.1%
Health	24	1	25	2.6%
Housing	195	3	198	20.5%
Income Maintenance	73	22	95	9.8%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	2	11	13	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 3,790.10 hours on cases in Cumberland County in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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