

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Dauphin and Perry Counties 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 Dauphin and Perry 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 provides 38% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We also receive funding from the United Way of the Capital Region, the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Victims of Crime Act.

Dauphin County Statistics:                      Perry County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9.4%	13.3%	7.5%	8.6%
Food Stamp recipients	4.8%	9.2%	3.3%	7.1 %
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.1%	16.3%	8.0%	11.9%
Poverty Population	23,706	34,438	3,286	3,884

Dauphin/Perry – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	203	88	291	17.0%
Education	0	3	3	0.2%
Employment	46	0	46	2.7%
Family	382	237	619	36.2%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	1	0	1	0.1%
Housing	518	10	528	30.9%
Income Maintenance	110	95	205	12.0%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	14	2	16	0.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>1709</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 5,822.10 hours on cases in Dauphin and Perry Counties in fiscal year 2009-2010.

Staff in MidPenn Harrisburg Office

213-A North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2240

- Nick Matash, Attorney/Manager
- Nancy Datres, Attorney
- Stephen Krone, Attorney
- Shana Walter, Attorney
- Matthew Rich, Paralegal
- Peggy Bayliff, Support Staff
- Celia Heffelfinger, Support Staff