

**MidPenn Legal Services
Franklin and Fulton 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 Franklin and Fulton 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 United Way of Franklin County, the Alexander Stewart Foundation and Friends of Legal Services.

Franklin County Statistics:

Fulton County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.4%	9.0%	11.0%	12.3%
Food Stamp recipients	3.0%	5.1%	4.0%	9.4%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	12.0%	10.3%	16.5%
Poverty Population	9,574	13,774	1529	1837

Franklin/Fulton – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	67	3	70	12.8%
Education	0	0	0	0.0%
Employment	1	0	1	0.2%
Family	132	102	234	42.9%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	8	0	8	1.5%
Housing	158	1	159	29.2%
Income Maintenance	67	1	68	12.5%
Individual Rights	4	0	4	0.7%
Other/Multiple Topics	0	1	1	0.2%
TOTAL	437	108	545	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 2,141.20 hours on cases in Fulton and Franklin Counties in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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