

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lancaster 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 Lancaster 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 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Lancaster County Community Development Block Grant, the Lancaster County Area Agency on Aging, Lancaster Bar Association/Foundation, RodaNast Foundation, Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation, Saint Joseph Health Ministries, Ferree Foundation, Lancaster County Community Foundation, Conestoga View, the United Way of Lancaster County, and the Lancaster County Courts.

**Lancaster County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.55%	9.4%
Food Stamp recipients	2.5%	6.1%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	12.3%
Poverty Population	35,553	47,730

Lancaster – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	40	59	99	4.0%
Education	1	23	24	1.0%
Employment	8	8	16	0.6%
Family	1132	268	1400	55.9%
Juvenile	1	0	1	0.0%
Health	88	0	88	3.5%
Housing	298	16	314	12.5%
Income Maintenance	419	55	474	18.9%
Individual Rights	2	3	5	0.2%
Other/Multiple Topics	75	7	82	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2064</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2503</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**MidPenn advocates spent 11,300.90 hours on cases in Lancaster County in fiscal year 2009-2010.**

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