

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lebanon 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 Lebanon 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 Lebanon Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of Lebanon County, and the Lebanon County Bar Association.

Lebanon County Statistics:

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|  | <u>2000</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Residents living below the poverty level | 7.0%        | 8.5%        |
| Food Stamp recipients                    | 3.3%        | 7.7%        |
| Eligible for Medical Assistance          | 8.5%        | 14.0%       |
| Poverty Population                       | 8,728       | 11,078      |

| Lebanon - FY 09-10<br>Cases Handled | MidPenn    | Volunteer<br>Attorney | Total      | %             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| Consumer                            | 104        | 24                    | 128        | 13.8%         |
| Education                           | 0          | 1                     | 1          | 0.1%          |
| Employment                          | 10         | 1                     | 11         | 1.2%          |
| Family                              | 233        | 333                   | 566        | 61.1%         |
| Juvenile                            | 1          | 0                     | 1          | 0.1%          |
| Health                              | 4          | 0                     | 4          | 0.4%          |
| Housing                             | 131        | 1                     | 132        | 14.3%         |
| Income Maintenance                  | 55         | 16                    | 71         | 7.7%          |
| Individual Rights                   | 0          | 0                     | 0          | 0.0%          |
| Other/Multiple Topics               | 12         | 0                     | 12         | 1.3%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>550</b> | <b>376</b>            | <b>926</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

MidPenn advocates spent 2,237.60 hours on cases in Lebanon County in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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