

**MidPenn Legal Services
Program Wide
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 Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York 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 involves 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 United Ways, bar associations, local groups, private foundations, and individuals.

MidPenn Service Area Poverty Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	11.0%
Food Stamp recipients	3.8%	9.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.2%	14.0%
Poverty Population	240,919	316,490

MidPenn Legal Services – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	1526	323	1849	12.5%
Education	5	29	34	0.2%
Employment	214	17	231	1.6%
Family	5116	1437	6553	44.2%
Juvenile	3	4	7	0.0%
Health	279	5	284	1.9%
Housing	3299	68	3367	22.7%
Income Maintenance	1924	311	2235	15.1%
Individual Rights	8	4	12	0.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	183	62	245	1.7%
TOTAL	12557	2260	14817	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 60,238.90 hours on cases in fiscal year 2009-2010

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