

**MidPenn Legal Services
Mifflin/Juniata 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 Mifflin and Juniata 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 The United Way of Mifflin and Juniata counties and individual donations.

Mifflin County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12%	13.9%
Food Stamp recipients	6.4%	13.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	12.9%	19.7%
Poverty Population	5,701	6,525

Juniata County Statistics

Residents living below the poverty level	10%	8.5%
Food Stamp recipients	2.1%	7.3%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	13.4%
Poverty Population	2,109	1,969

Juniata/Mifflin – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	80	1	81	14.3%
Education	0	0	0	0.0%
Employment	13	0	13	2.3%
Family	177	11	188	33.2%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	5	1	6	1.1%
Housing	140	0	140	24.7%
Income Maintenance	125	3	128	22.6%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	2	9	11	1.9%
TOTAL	542	25	567	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 2,771.10 hours on cases in Juanita and Mifflin Counties in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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