

**MidPenn Legal Services  
York 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 York 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 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 local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the York County Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of York, the York County Bar Association/Foundation and the York area business and bar leaders' support of the York MidPenn Advisory Board Family Law Campaign.

**York County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.6%	9.0%
Food Stamp recipients	2.4%	6.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	12.4%
Poverty Population	25,269	38,604

York – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	151	42	193	15.0%
Education	1	0	1	0.1%
Employment	12	0	12	0.9%
Family	302	153	455	35.4%
Juvenile	0	0	0	0.0%
Health	8	0	8	0.6%
Housing	433	8	441	34.3%
Income Maintenance	115	53	168	13.1%
Individual Rights	0	0	0	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	7	1	8	0.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 5,453.50 hours on cases in York County in fiscal year 2009-2010.

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