

**MidPenn Legal Services
Bedford 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 Bedford 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 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 31% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We also receive funding from the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging and the Bedford County Bar Association.

Bedford County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	10.15%	12.6%
Food Stamp recipients	5.1%	9.8%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	11.7%	17.0%
Poverty Population	6,235	6,256

Bedford - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	49	12	61	15.4%
Education	1	0	1	0.3%
Employment	2	0	2	0.5%
Family	184	0	184	46.6%
Health	10	0	10	2.5%
Housing	54	0	54	13.7%
Income Maintenance	60	0	60	15.2%
Other/Multiple Topics	23	0	23	5.8%
TOTAL	383	12	395	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 1,489.3 hours on cases in Bedford County in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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