

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Bedford County Office  
Information Sheet**

Mission: 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. We do not handle criminal cases.

Funding: Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 45% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 33% 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.

Bedford County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	10.15%	10.68%
Food Stamp recipients	5.1%	8.2%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	11.7%	16.2%
Poverty Population	6,235	5,363

The Work: We provide critical help for those with critical needs. The largest part of our caseload involves family law cases. Below, you will find a chart which shows the numbers and types of cases handled by the Bedford County staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

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Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	59	1	60
Family	155	2	157
Health	8	0	8
Housing	45	0	45
Income Maintenance	114	0	114
Other / Multiple Topics	18	1	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>403</b>

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