

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Blair 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 Blair 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 Blair County Bar Association.

**Blair County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12.27%	14.0%
Food Stamp recipients	8.5%	13.4%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	15.1%	20.4%
Poverty Population	15,840	17,524

Blair - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	175	27	202	22.7%
Education	1	0	1	0.1%
Employment	13	0	13	1.5%
Family	385	1	386	43.3%
Health	17	0	17	1.9%
Housing	186	0	186	20.9%
Income Maintenance	77	0	77	8.6%
Other/Multiple Topics	8	1	9	1.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 2,669.70 hours on cases in Blair County in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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