

**MidPenn Legal Services
Centre and Huntingdon Counties Office
Information Sheet**

Mission: We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Centre and Huntingdon 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. 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 receive funding from the Centre County United Way, Centre County Office of Aging, State College Community Land Trust, State College Borough Community Development Block Grant and Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

Centre County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	16.75%	21.8%
Food Stamp recipients	2.3%	4.3%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	5.4%	8.1%
Poverty Population	22,742	30,642

Huntingdon County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	10.16%	10.7%
Food Stamp recipients	6.0%	8.6%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	12.8%	16.4%
Poverty Population	4,631	4,992

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 Centre County staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2006.

Centre County

Huntingdon County

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	94	8	102	28	1	29
Education	0	1	1	0	0	0
Employment	4	1	5	0	0	0
Family	186	16	202	100	13	113
Juvenile	0	0	0	2	0	2
Health	15	0	15	3	0	3
Housing	101	4	105	48	2	50
Income Maintenance	121	0	121	44	0	44
Other / Multiple Topics	9	14	23	0	2	2
Totals	530	44	574	225	18	243

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