

**MidPenn Legal Services
Cumberland 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 Cumberland 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 receive funding through the Cumberland County Bar Association, Big Spring Community Chest, Friends of Legal Services, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the United Way of the Capital Region and Shippensburg Area United Way. MidPenn also receives Violence Against Women funding through a subcontract with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

Cumberland County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.0%	8.0%
Food Stamp recipients	1.3%	4.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	4.4%	8.1%
Poverty Population	13,102	18,349

Cumberland - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	100	15	115	13.2%
Education	5	0	5	0.6%
Employment	15	1	16	1.8%
Family	359	97	456	52.2%
Juvenile	0	1	1	0.1%
Health	27	1	28	3.2%
Housing	157	1	158	18.1%
Income Maintenance	57	16	73	8.4%
Other/Multiple Topics	0	21	21	2.4%
TOTAL	720	153	873	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 3718.00 hours on cases in Cumberland County in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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