

**MidPenn Legal Services
Franklin and Fulton Counties Office
Information Sheet**

Mission: We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Franklin and Fulton 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 United Way of Franklin County, the Alexander Stewart Foundation and Friends of Legal Services.

Franklin County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.4%	8.12%
Food Stamp recipients	3.0%	4.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	10.6%
Poverty Population	9,574	10,953

Fulton County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	11.02%	9.45%
Food Stamp recipients	4.0%	6.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.3%	14.1%
Poverty Population	1529	1383

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 Chambersburg staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

Franklin County

Fulton County

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	54	1	55	6	0	6
Family	86	40	126	8	4	12
Juvenile	4	1	5	0	0	0
Health	2	0	2	0	0	0
Housing	109	0	109	9	0	9
Income Maintenance	80	0	80	14	0	14
Other / Multiple Topics	2	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	337	42	379	37	4	41

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