

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lancaster 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 Lancaster 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 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Lancaster County Community Development Block Grant, the Lancaster County Area Agency on Aging, Lancaster Bar Association/Foundation, RodaNast Foundation, Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation, Saint Joseph Health Ministries, Ferree Foundation, Lancaster Community Foundation, City of Lancaster, Conestoga View, the United Way of Lancaster County, and the Lancaster County Courts.

Lancaster County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.55%	9.0%
Food Stamp recipients	2.5%	7.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	12.2%
Poverty Population	35,553	45,213

Lancaster - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	59	57	116	4.7%
Education	1	20	21	0.8%
Employment	46	6	52	2.1%
Family	1240	256	1496	60.0%
Health	59	0	59	2.4%
Housing	222	13	235	9.4%
Income Maintenance	376	38	414	16.6%
Individual Rights	0	3	3	0.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	89	8	97	3.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>2494</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 11,761.20 hours on cases in Lancaster County in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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