

## **MidPenn Legal Services Information Sheet**

**Mission:** We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Adams, Bedford, Blair, Berks, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York 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, bar associations, United Ways, private foundations, and individuals.

### MidPenn Service Area Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	8.75%	8.81%
Receiving Food Stamps	3.8%	6.9%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.4%	12.6%
Poverty Population	240,919	249,629

**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 MidPenn staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	1429	512	1941
Education	33	21	54
Employment	13	8	21
Family	6471	1741	8212
Juvenile	9	3	12
Health	178	0	178
Housing	2754	160	2914
Income Maintenance	2025	212	2237
Individual Rights	7	0	7
Other / Multiple Topics	233	78	311
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13152</b>	<b>2735</b>	<b>15887</b>

## Funding Sources

