

**MidPenn Legal Services
Schuylkill County Office
Information Sheet**

Mission: We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Schuylkill 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. 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 Schuylkill County Commissioners and the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services.

Schuylkill County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	10%
Food Stamp recipients	4.7%	7.6%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.4%	14.6%
Poverty Population	13,612	14,502

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 Schuylkill County staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	136	12	148
Employment	3	0	3
Family	544	11	555
Health	28	0	28
Housing	176	0	176
Income Maintenance	26	5	31
Other / Multiple Topics	10	1	11
Totals	923	29	952

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