

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

Mission: We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Blair 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 Blair County Bar Association.

Blair County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12.27%	12.33%
Food Stamp recipients	8.5%	11.8%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	15.1%	19.7%
Poverty Population	15,840	15,348

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

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Major Case Type	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total
Consumer	154	1	155
Employment	1	0	1
Family	306	3	309
Health	14	0	14
Housing	204	1	205
Income Maintenance	75	2	77
Other / Multiple Topics	2	1	3
Totals	756	8	764

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