

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

**Mission:** We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Cumberland 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 through the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Big Spring Community Chest, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the United Way of the Capital Region and Shippensburg Area United Way. MidPenn also receives Violence Against Women funding through a subcontract with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

**Cumberland County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.0%	5.9%
Food Stamp recipients	1.3%	2.9%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	4.4%	7.2%
Poverty Population	13,102	13,057

**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 Cumberland County staff and pro bono attorneys in calendar year 2005.

<b>Major Case Type</b>	<b>MidPenn</b>	<b>Pro Bono</b>	<b>Total</b>
Consumer	50	15	63
Education	4	0	4
Employment	2	0	2
Family	351	68	419
Juvenile	0	1	1
Health	2	0	2
Housing	182	4	188
Income Maintenance	65	6	71
Other / Multiple Topics	5	6	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>761</b>

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