

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

**Mission:** 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. 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Lancaster County Community Development Block Grant, the Lancaster County Area Agency on Aging, Conestoga View, the United Way of Lancaster County, the Lancaster County Bar Association, the Eastern District of PA Bankruptcy Conference and the Lancaster County Courts.

**Lancaster County Statistics:**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.55%	8.20%
Food Stamp recipients	2.5%	6.1%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	11.4%
Poverty Population	35,553	39,942

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

**Lancaster County**

Major Case Type	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total
Consumer	67	168	235
Education	6	21	27
Employment	0	2	2
Family	1272	404	1676
Health	50	1	51
Housing	308	49	357
Income Maintenance	321	13	334
Other / Multiple Topics	106	19	125
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>2807</b>

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