

**MidPenn Legal Services
Bedford County Office
Fact Sheet**

Mission: We provide critical help for those with critical needs. We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Bedford County. We advise and represent on civil issues: domestic violence, custody, housing, health care, consumer, elder law and public benefits. The largest part of our caseload is family law cases. We do not handle criminal cases.

Funding: Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes funds earned as interest on legal escrow accounts (IOLTA) and federal Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 35% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We also receive funding from the United Way of Bedford County, the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging and the Bedford County Bar Association.

Bedford County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	10.15%	12.6%
Food Stamp recipients	5.1%	9.8%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	11.7%	16.8%
Poverty Population	5,073	6,247

Bedford – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	60	1	61	15.14%
Employment	9	0	9	2.23%
Family	59	0	59	14.64%
Domestic Violence	139	0	139	34.49%
Health	2	0	2	.50%
Housing	69	0	69	17.12%
Income Maintenance	32	0	32	7.94%
Other/Multiple Topics	32	0	32	7.94%
TOTAL	402	1	403	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 1,232.93 hours on cases in Bedford County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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