

**MidPenn Legal Services
Blair 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 Blair 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 Blair County Bar Association and the United Way of Blair County.

Blair County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12.27%	14.7%
Food Stamp recipients	8.5%	13.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	15.1%	20.4%
Poverty Population	15,840	18,540

Blair – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	127	23	150	16.74%
Education	1	0	1	.11%
Employment	7	0	7	.78%
Family	69	1	70	7.81%
Domestic Violence	285	37	322	35.94%
Health	16	0	16	1.79%
Housing	243	0	243	27.12%
Income Maintenance	78	6	84	9.38%
Other/Multiple Topics	2	1	3	.33%
TOTAL	828	68	896	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 3,172.9 hours on cases in Blair County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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