

**MidPenn Legal Services
Centre 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 Centre 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 receive funding from the Centre County United Way, Centre County Office of Aging, Centre County Bar Association, the Centre County Community Foundation and the State College Community Land Trust.

Centre County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below poverty level	16.75%	19.3%
Food Stamp recipients	2.3%	4.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	5.4%	8.1%
Poverty Population	22,742	28,219

Centre FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	125	12	137	17.04%
Education	1	2	3	0.37%
Employment	12	1	13	1.6%
Family	72	70	142	17.7%
Domestic Violence	132	10	142	17.7%
Juvenile	1	0	1	0.12%
Health	24	1	25	3.1%
Housing	207	0	207	25.8%
Income Maintenance	102	0	102	12.7%
Individual Rights	1	0	1	0.12%
Other/Multiple Topics	16	15	31	3.75%
TOTAL	693	111	804	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 3,365.0 hours on cases in Centre County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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