

**MidPenn Legal Services
Cumberland 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 Cumberland 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 through the Cumberland County Bar Association, Cumberland County Commissioners, Big Spring Community Chest, Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club, Friends of Legal Services, the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County and the United Way of the Capital Region. 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>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.0%	6.1%
Food Stamp recipients	1.3%	3.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	4.4%	8.1%
Poverty Population	13,102	14,181

Cumberland – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	42	53	95	9.03%
Education	0	3	3	0.29%
Employment	8	9	17	1.61%
Family	109	214	323	30.70%
Domestic Violence	284	4	288	27.38%
Juvenile	0	2	2	0.19%
Health	16	1	17	1.62%
Housing	216	14	230	21.86%
Income Maintenance	37	5	42	3.99%
Individual Rights	0	2	2	.19%
Other/Multiple Topics	7	26	33	3.14%
TOTAL	719	333	1052	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 3,547.90 hours on cases in Cumberland County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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