

**MidPenn Legal Services
Franklin and Fulton Counties 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 Franklin and Fulton Counties. 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 United Way of Franklin County, the Alexander Stewart Foundation and Friends of Legal Services.

Franklin County Statistics:

Fulton County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.4%	9.5%	11.0%	12.3%
Food Stamp recipients	3.0%	5.1%	4.0%	9.4%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	12.0%	10.3%	16.5%
Poverty Population	9,574	13,774	1,529	1,837

Franklin/Fulton – FY 09-10 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	69	7	76	15.29%
Employment	6	0	6	1.21%
Family	106	80	186	37.42%
Domestic Violence	12	0	12	2.41%
Juvenile	1	0	1	.20%
Health	6	0	6	1.21%
Housing	159	1	160	32.2%
Income Maintenance	50	0	50	10.06%
TOTAL	409	88	497	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 2,005.30 hours on cases in Fulton and Franklin Counties in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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