

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lancaster 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 Lancaster 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. Funds also come from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Lancaster County Community Development Block Grant, the Lancaster County Area Agency on Aging, Lancaster Bar Association/Foundation, Lancaster County Community Foundation, Conestoga View, the United Way of Lancaster County, and the Lancaster County Courts.

<b>Lancaster County Statistics:</b>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.55%	9.4%
Food Stamp recipients	2.5%	6.1%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	12.3%
Poverty Population	35,553	47,730

Lancaster – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	29	35	64	2.61%
Education	1	10	11	.45%
Employment	11	3	14	.57%
Family	480	133	613	24.96%
Domestic Violence	808	8	816	33.22%
Juvenile	1	0	1	.04%
Health	48	0	48	1.95%
Housing	326	7	333	13.56%
Income Maintenance	431	24	455	18.53%
Individual Rights	2	1	3	.12%
Other/Multiple Topics	91	7	98	3.99%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2228</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2456</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 11,267.90 hours on cases in Lancaster County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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