

**MidPenn Legal Services
Program Wide
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 Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York 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 involves 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 United Ways, bar associations, local groups, private foundations, and individuals.

MidPenn Service Area Poverty Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	11.0%
Food Stamp recipients	3.8%	9.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.2%	14.0%
Poverty Population	240,919	316,490

MidPenn Legal Services – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	1412	330	1742	11.8%
Education	4	16	20	0.14%
Employment	242	14	256	1.73%
Family	2664	1184	3848	26.08%
Domestic Violence	2503	96	2599	17.61%
Juvenile	7	2	9	0.06%
Health	245	1	246	1.67%
Housing	3640	79	3719	25.2%
Income Maintenance	1869	201	2070	14.03%
Individual Rights	4	3	7	0.05%
Other/Multiple Topics	174	67	241	1.63%
TOTAL	12764	1993	14757	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 61,234.90 hours on cases in fiscal year 2010-2011

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