

**MidPenn Legal Services
Mifflin/Juniata 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 Mifflin and Juniata 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 The United Way of Mifflin and Juniata counties and individual donations.

Mifflin County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	12%	13.9%
Food Stamp recipients	6.4%	13.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	12.9%	19.7%
Poverty Population	5,701	6,385

Juniata County Statistics

Residents living below the poverty level	10%	8.5%
Food Stamp recipients	2.1%	7.3%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	13.4%
Poverty Population	2,109	1,965

Juniata/Mifflin – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPen85	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	85	2	87	13.91%
Employment	7	0	7	1.16%
Family	169	6	175	28.97%
Domestic Violence	42	0	42	6.90%
Health	7	0	7	1.20%
Housing	136	0	136	23.02%
Income Maintenance	144	0	144	23.84%
Other/Multiple Topics	0	6	6	1.00%
TOTAL	590	14	604	100.00%

MidPenn advocates spent 2,599.30 hours on cases in Juanita and Mifflin Counties in fiscal year 2010-2011.

Staff in MidPenn Lewistown Office:

3 West Monument Square, Suite 303
Lewistown, PA 17044

Brent Frank, Manager
Robin J. Foor, Managing Attorney
Brenda Zimmerman, Managing Attorney – Centralized Intake Unit/Telephone Advice Project
Lena Monje, Attorney
Lois Kenepp, Paralegal
Jayelene Williamson, Support Staff