

**MidPenn Legal Services
York 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 York 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 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 local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the York County Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of York, the York County Bar Association/Foundation and the York area business and bar leaders' support of the York MidPenn Family Law Campaign.

York County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	6.6%	9.0%
Food Stamp recipients	2.4%	6.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	6.5%	12.4%
Poverty Population	25,269	38,604

York – FY 10-11 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Consumer	153	50	203	15.0%
Employment	25	1	26	0.9%
Family	124	134	258	27.0%
Domestic Violence	114	2	116	8.4%
Health	12	0	12	0.6%
Housing	467	11	478	34.3%
Income Maintenance	121	20	141	13.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	2	1	3	0.6%
TOTAL	1018	219	1237	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 5,508.30 hours on cases in York County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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