

**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 aim to provide the best service available to the greatest number of clients. 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 Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 31% 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>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	10.7%
Food Stamp recipients	3.8%	8.7%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.2%	13.9%
Poverty Population	240,919	292,011

MidPenn Legal Services Cases Handled - FY0809	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	1659	343	2002	13.3%
Education	11	25	36	0.2%
Employment	336	17	353	2.3%
Family	6011	1267	7278	48.3%
Juvenile	10	1	11	0.1%
Health	283	2	285	1.9%
Housing	2747	68	2815	18.7%
Income Maintenance	1815	179	1994	13.2%
Individual Rights	2	3	5	0.0%
Other/Multiple Topics	235	67	302	2.0%
TOTAL	13109	1972	15081	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 64,663.70 hours on cases in fiscal year 2008-2009

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