



**MidPenn Legal Services
2015-2016 Fact Sheet**



MidPenn is free civil legal aid. We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

Case Types: We handle critical civil matters: custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

Mission: MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

Vision: We seek orderly resolutions for poor families with critical legal problems. We protect personal safety, stabilize housing, secure income, and obtain health care for those with nowhere else to turn.

Poverty in MidPenn’s service area has increased from 8.6% of the population in 2000 to 12.0% in 2014.

MidPenn Service Area Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Population	2,896,218	3,014,411
Residents below the poverty level	9.0%	12.0%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	3.8%	11.0%
Poverty Population	309,929	357,315

MidPenn Legal Services FY 15-16 Cases	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	1967	1073	3040	28.0%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence/Intimidation	1987	33	2020	18.0%
Housing	2624	75	2699	24.0%
Public Benefits	1154	74	1228	11.0%
Consumer	965	335	1300	12.0%
Health	166	3	169	2.0%
Employment	189	53	242	2.0%
Other	271	77	348	3.0%
TOTAL	9,323	1,723	11,046	100.00%



Our Service Area

**MidPenn Service Area Residents
Eligible for Legal Aid**
(at 125% of poverty level)
474,835

Hours
MidPenn spent 55,302.5 hours on cases in fiscal year 2015-2016.

People Helped
24,724 residents in our service area benefited from MidPenn’s advocacy in fiscal year 2015-2016.

Funding: The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) provides 42% of our funding from various sources including, Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA), state and federal Title XX, filing fee add-ons (AJA), Disability Advocacy Project (DAP) and Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement funds (HASA). The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 32% of our funds. Additional support comes from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from bar associations, United Ways, local groups, private foundations, and individuals. MidPenn also has state, county, and local government contracts.

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