

## **Pursuing Justice - Improving Lives**

2021-2022 Fact Sheet

## **Schuylkill County**

MidPenn is free civil legal aid.

MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis. We provide legal advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems that focus on improving their personal safety, family stability and economic security. MidPenn attorneys and paralegals handle cases involving domestic violence, housing law, public benefits, expungement, supportive benefits, consumer law, family law, tax controversies and elder law.

#### MidPenn Schuylkill County

Office Location: 315 North Centre Street, Suite 1, Pottsville, PA 17901



- Population: 143,264
- Poverty Population: 17,327
- Eligible For Legal Aid: 22,280

#### MidPenn's Funders

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 57.3% of our funding from various sources including, Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts, state and federal Title XX, filing fee add-ons, and the Disability Advocacy Project. The Legal Services Corporation provides 20.6% of our funds. Additional support Regional Housing Legal Services, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Schuylkill County Commissioners, the Schuylkill County Bar Association, the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services and individual donors.

# Schuylkill County Year in Review

|                        | MidPenn<br>Staff | Volunteer<br>Attorneys | Total | %          |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------|------------|
| Housing                | 200              | 20                     | 220   | 33%        |
| Domestic Violence      | 144              | 1                      | 145   | 22%        |
| Family                 | 148              | 22                     | 170   | 25%        |
| Consumer               | 56               | 11                     | 67    | 10%        |
| Employment             | 6                | 0                      | 6     | 1%         |
| <b>Public Benefits</b> | 49               | 0                      | 49    | <b>7</b> % |
| Other                  | 11               | 0                      | 11    | 2%         |
| Total                  | 614              | 54                     | 668   | 100%       |

- 6,546 hours spent on cases.
- \$107,548 in savings and economic benefits to MidPenn clients and their communities.
- 1,394 adults and children benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.

### **Schuylkill County Staff**

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