



## MidPenn Legal Services Dauphin and Perry Counties Office 2019-2020 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: child 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.

County Statistics	Dauphin County		Perry County	
	2010	2018	2010	2018
Total Population	263,446	277,097	45,119	44,969
Residents below the poverty level*	11.9%	13.2%	9.1%	8.4%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	9.1%	12.5%	6.3%	9.3%
Poverty Population*	31,513	35,462	4,149	3,876

\*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 years old when calculating poverty rates.

**Dauphin County Residents  
Eligible for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
48,477

**Perry County Residents Eligible  
for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
5,721

Dauphin-Perry Counties Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	297	108	405	36%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	111	1	112	10%
Housing	346	9	355	31%
Public Benefits	76	12	88	8%
Consumer	79	19	98	9%
Employment/Expungement	44	1	45	4%
Other	23	3	26	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**10,539.22 hours spent on cases.**  
**2,115 residents in Dauphin and Perry Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$253,823.64 in savings and economic benefits to Dauphin and Perry County clients and their communities.**

**Funding:** The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 50.3% 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 23.4% of our funds. Additional support comes from the Dauphin County Bar Foundation, the United Way of the Capital Region, the Perry County Area Agency on Aging and the Victims of Crime Act.

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