



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lancaster County 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.

<b>Lancaster County Statistics:</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	508,514	543,557
Residents below the poverty level*	9.7%	10.4%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	6.2%	9.0%
Poverty Population*	49,591	54,393

\*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.

<p><b>Lancaster County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 72,175</p>
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<b>Lancaster County Fiscal Year 19-20 Highlights</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	297	24	321	23%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	258	8	266	19%
Housing	300	2	302	21%
Public Benefits/Health	224	4	228	16%
Consumer	70	20	90	6%
Employment/Expungement	48	12	60	4%
Other	159	2	161	11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1428</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**20,553.4 hours spent on cases.**  
**1,746 residents in Lancaster County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$750,208.25 in savings and economic benefits to Lancaster 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 Lancaster Bar Association Foundation, Lancaster County Coalition to End Homelessness, the Lancaster County Area Agency on Aging, Conestoga View, the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, the Lancaster General Health Foundation, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Lancaster County Courts and individual donations.

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