



## MidPenn Legal Services Mifflin and Juniata Counties 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	Mifflin County		Juniata County	
	2010	2018	2010	2018
Total Population	45,910	46,222	24,279	24,704
Residents below the poverty level*	10.3%	13.5%	8.3%	13.1%
Food Stamp recipients	12.8%	17.2%	6.8%	9.6%
Poverty Population*	4,798	6,148	2,024	3,211

\*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.

<b>Mifflin Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 8,926
<b>Juniata County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 4,486

Mifflin-Juniata Counties Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	15	0	15	8%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	54	0	54	29%
Housing	43	0	43	23%
Public Benefits/Health	24	0	24	13%
Consumer	24	7	31	16%
Employment/Expungement	15	0	15	8%
Other	2	4	6	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**2,332.3 hours spent on cases.**  
**455 residents in Mifflin & Juniata Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$191,868.15 in savings and economic benefits to Mifflin & Juniata 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 United Way of Mifflin-Juniata and individual donations.

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