



MidPenn Legal Services Franklin and Fulton 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 | Franklin County | | Fulton County | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2018 | 2010 | 2018 |
| Total Population | 147,758 | 154,835 | 14,667 | 14,523 |
| Residents below the poverty level* | 8.2% | 10.4% | 13.3% | 12.2% |
| Households Receiving Food Stamps | 5.0% | 10.3% | 7.7% | 12.8% |
| Poverty Population* | 12,017 | 16,103 | 1,973 | 1,778 |

*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.

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| Franklin County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) Franklin: 22,451 |
| Fulton County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) Fulton: 2,542 |

| Franklin-Fulton Counties Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview | MidPenn Staff | Volunteer Attorney | Total | % |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Family | 35 | 15 | 50 | 21% |
| Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation | 23 | 0 | 23 | 10% |
| Housing | 97 | 0 | 97 | 40% |
| Public Benefits/Health | 13 | 0 | 13 | 5% |
| Consumer | 27 | 5 | 32 | 13% |
| Employment/Expungement | 10 | 0 | 10 | 4% |
| Other | 11 | 6 | 17 | 7% |
| TOTAL | 216 | 26 | 242 | 100.00% |

3,387.3 hours spent on cases.
428 residents in Franklin and Fulton Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$348,463.37 in savings and economic benefits to Franklin and Fulton 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 PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Alexander Stewart Foundation.

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