

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.

Centre County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	136,757	162,805
Residents below the poverty level*	16.75%	18.4%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	5.1%	6.7%
Poverty Population*	25,361	26,287

**Centre County Residents Eligible for
Legal Aid**
(at 125% of poverty level)
31,144

*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

Centre County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	25	7	32	8%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	124	14	138	37%
Housing	82	0	82	22%
Public Benefits	58	0	58	15%
Consumer	26	10	36	9%
Barriers to Employment	10	0	10	3%
Other	14	8	22	6%
TOTAL	339	39	378	100.00%

**5,142 hours spent on cases.
549 residents in Centre County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$254,774.87 in savings and economic benefits to Centre County clients and their communities.**

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