

## MidPenn Legal Services Huntingdon County 2018-2019 Fact Sheet



<u>MidPenn is free civil legal aid</u>. 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.

<u>Case Types:</u> We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

<u>Mission</u>: MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

<u>Vision</u>: 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>Huntingdon County Statistics</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	41,329	45,168
Residents below the poverty level*	11.4%	13.6%
Food Stamp recipients	11.3%	14.4%
Poverty Population*	4,631	5,498

\*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

Huntingdon County Residents
Eligible for Legal Aid
(125% of poverty level)

(125% of poverty level) 7,479

Huntingdon County Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	23	1	24	18%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	13	0	13	9%
Housing	38	0	38	28%
Public Benefits	27	0	27	20%
Consumer	12	3	15	11%
Employment	4	0	4	3%
Other	9	6	15	11%
TOTAL	126	10	136	100.00%

1,532.10 hours spent on cases.

195 residents in Huntingdon County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$80,478.98 in savings and economic benefits to Huntingdon County clients and their communities.

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