



## MidPenn Legal Services York 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>York County Statistics:</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	428,348	448,273
Residents below the poverty level*	9.0%	10.3%
Food Stamp recipients	6.5%	11.1%
Poverty Population*	38,535	44,528

\*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.

**York County Residents Eligible for  
Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
60,955

<b>York County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	63	51	114	17%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	247	63	310	32%
Housing	227	10	237	24%
Public Benefits/Health	33	8	41	5%
Consumer	37	32	69	10%
Employment/Expungement	19	46	65	9%
Other	24	16	40	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**10,456.8 spent on cases.**  
**2,015 residents in York County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$136,182.50 in savings and economic benefits to York 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 York County Bar Foundation, York County Commissioners, the York County Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of York and individual donations.

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