



Pursuing Justice - Improving Lives

2021-2022 Fact Sheet

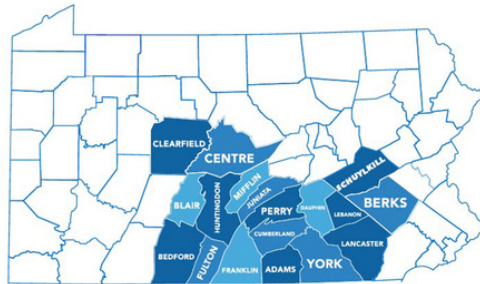
Berks County

MidPenn is free civil legal aid.

MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis. We provide legal advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems that focus on improving their personal safety, family stability and economic security. MidPenn attorneys and paralegals handle cases involving domestic violence, housing law, public benefits, expungement, supportive benefits, consumer law, family law, tax controversies and elder law.

MidPenn Berks County

Office Location: 35 North Sixth Street, Mezzanine Suite 101, Reading, PA 19601



- Population: 428,849
- Poverty Population: 47,516
- Eligible For Legal Aid: 61,564

MidPenn's Funders

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 57.3% 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 20.6% of our funds. Additional support comes from the United Way of Berks County, Eastern District Bankruptcy Conference, AIDSNet/Co-County Wellness, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and individual donors.

Berks County Year in Review

	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorneys	Total	%
Housing	511	19	530	51%
Domestic Violence	142	2	144	13%
Family	201	1	202	19%
Consumer	47	8	55	5%
Employment	8	0	8	1%
Tax Controversies	16	0	16	2%
Public Benefits	74	7	81	8%
Other	4	7	11	1%
Total	1003	44	1047	

- 14,860 hours spent on cases.
- \$264,133 in savings and economic benefits to MidPenn clients and their communities.
- 2,428 adults and children benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.

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