



MidPenn Legal Services Cumberland 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.

Cumberland County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	222,311	251,423
Residents below the poverty level*	6.5%	7.8%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	3.6%	7.0%
Poverty Population*	15,036	18,110

*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.

**Cumberland County Residents
Eligible for Legal Aid**
(at 125% of poverty level)
24,611

Cumberland County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	111	201	312	28%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	419	16	435	38%
Housing	137	3	140	12%
Public Benefits/Health	61	0	61	5%
Consumer	37	31	68	7%
Employment/Expungement	13	4	17	2%
Other	27	91	118	8%
TOTAL	805	346	1151	100.00%

7,293.6 hours spent on cases.
2,118 residents in Cumberland County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$93,735.56 in savings and economic benefits to Cumberland 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 Cumberland County Bar Association, the Cumberland County Commissioners, the Big Spring Community Chest, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the United Way of the Capital Region, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and individual donations. MidPenn also receives Violence Against Women funding through a subcontract with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

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