



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Dauphin and Perry Counties Office  
2017-2018 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>County Statistics</b>	<b>Dauphin County</b>		<b>Perry County</b>	
	2010	2017	2010	2017
Total Population	263,446	275,710	45,119	46,127
Residents below the poverty level*	11.9%	13.4%	9.1%	9.4%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	9.1%	12.8%	6.3%	9.3%
Poverty Population*	31,513	35,841	4,149	4,228

\*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.

<b>Dauphin County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 48,249
<b>Perry County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 5,720

<b>Dauphin-Perry Counties Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	532	166	698	42%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	150	1	151	9%
Housing	463	7	470	28%
Public Benefits	85	14	99	6%
Consumer	111	28	139	8%
Employment/Expungement	39	2	41	3%
Health	17	0	17	1%
Other	35	12	47	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1662</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**13,593.52 hours spent on cases.**

**3,624 residents in Dauphin and Perry Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**

**\$310,720.81 in savings and economic benefits to Dauphin and Perry County clients and their communities.**

**Funding:** The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 42% 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 32% of our funds. Additional support comes from the Dauphin County Bar Foundation, the United Way of the Capital Region, the Perry County Area Agency on Aging and the Victims of Crime Act.

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