



**MidPenn Legal Services
Adams County Office
2018-2019 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.

Adams County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	97,040	102,811
Residents below poverty level*	7.6%	8.8%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	4.4%	7.8%
Poverty Population*	7,343	8,567

*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.

<p>Adams County Residents Financially Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) 11,876</p>

Adams County Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorneys	Total	%
Family	33	89	122	30%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence/Intimidation	167	1	168	42%
Housing	60	0	60	15%
Public Benefits	11	0	11	3%
Consumer	23	3	26	6%
Employment	6	1	7	2%
Health	6	0	6	1%
Other	4	0	4	1%
TOTAL	310	94	404	100.00%
<p>3,200.6 hours spent on cases. 658 residents in Adams County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$39,569.21 in savings and economic benefits to Adams County clients and their communities.</p>				

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