



**MidPenn Legal Services
Schuylkill County 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.

Schuylkill County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	140,831	142,569
Residents below the poverty level*	11.9%	13.0 %
Food Stamp recipients	9.6%	14.5%
Poverty Population*	17,646	17,968

*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>Schuylkill County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) 25,520</p>
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Schuylkill County Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	114	55	169	36%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	23	0	23	1%
Housing	203	1	204	28%
Public Benefits	21	0	21	5%
Consumer	72	11	83	20%
Health	17	0	17	3%
Employment/Expungement	14	0	14	5%
Other	19	0	19	2%
TOTAL	483	67	550	100%

5,558.9 hours spent on cases.
1,147 residents in Schuylkill County benefited from MidPenn’s advocacy.
\$275,489.80 in savings and economic benefits to Schuylkill 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 PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Schuylkill County Commissioners, the Schuylkill County Bar Association, the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services and individual donations.

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