



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Bedford 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.

<b>Bedford County Statistics:</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2018</b>
Total Population	49,882	48,176
Residents below the poverty level*	13.5%	13.6%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	9.8%	13.7%
Poverty Population*	6,734	6,564

\*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.

**Bedford County Residents**  
**Financially Eligible for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
8,737

<b>Bedford County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	23	0	23	20%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	4	0	4	3%
Housing	31	0	31	26%
Public Benefits	12	0	12	10%
Consumer	11	0	11	9%
Employment/Expungement	4	0	4	3%
Elder Law	32	0	32	27%
Other	2	0	2	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**1,241 hours spent on cases.**  
**193 residents in Bedford County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$10,759 in savings and economic benefits to Bedford 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 United Way of Bedford County, Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging and individual donations.

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