



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Lebanon 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.

<b>Lebanon County Statistics:</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	130,455	139,754
Residents below the poverty level*	8.9%	11.1%
Food Stamp recipients	7.7%	15.8%
Poverty Population*	11,689	14,297

\*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

**Lebanon County Residents  
Eligible for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
20,544

<b>Lebanon County FY 16-17 Cases</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	46	223	269	30%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	266	0	266	30%
Housing	211	0	211	24%
Public Benefits	40	2	42	5%
Consumer	60	25	85	9%
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	6	0	6	.5%
Employment/Expungement	10	0	10	1%
Other	5	0	5	.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**8,800.3 hours spent on cases.**  
**1,949 residents in Lebanon County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$371,120.88 in savings and economic benefits to Lebanon 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, Lebanon County Bar Association, the Lebanon Area Agency on Aging, the United Way of Lebanon County and individual donations.

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