

MidPenn Legal Services 2017-2018 Fact Sheet



<u>MidPenn is free civil legal aid</u>. MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis. 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.

<u>Case Types:</u> We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

<u>Vision</u>: 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.

MidPenn Service Area Statistics:	2010	<u>2017</u>	
Total Population	2,896,218	3,062,896	
Residents below the poverty level*	9.0%	11%	
Households Receiving Food Stamps	3.8%	11%	
Poverty Population*	309,929	306,466	
Residents financially eligible for legal	388,949	497,976	
aid at 125% of poverty level			



*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.

Our Service Area

Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorneys	Total	%
Family	1,943	1084	3,027	27%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence/Intimidation	2,197	49	2,246	20%
Housing	2,649	71	2,720	25%
Public Benefits	873	63	936	9%
Consumer	859	240	1,099	10%
Health	153	0	153	1%
Employment/Expungement	315	91	406	4%
Other	361	119	483	4%
TOTAL	9,353	1,717	11,070	100.00%

106,909 hours spent on cases.

20,952 residents in our service area benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$4,476,455.26 in savings and economic benefits to MidPenn clients and their communities.

<u>Funding</u>: 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 United Ways, bar associations, local groups, private foundations, and individuals. MidPenn also has state, county and local government contracts.

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