



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Franklin and Fulton Counties 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.

<u>County Statistics</u>	Franklin County		Fulton County	
	2010	2018	2010	2018
Total Population	147,758	154,835	14,667	14,523
Residents below the poverty level*	8.2%	10.4%	13.3%	12.2%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	5.0%	10.3%	7.7%	12.8%
Poverty Population*	12,017	16,103	1,973	1,778

\*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.

**Franklin County Residents  
Eligible for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
Franklin: 22,451

**Fulton County Residents Eligible  
for Legal Aid**  
(at 125% of poverty level)  
Fulton: 2,542

Franklin-Fulton Counties Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	82	23	105	30%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	30	0	30	9%
Housing	97	0	97	28%
Public Benefits/Health	24	0	24	7%
Consumer	46	7	53	15%
Employment/Expungement	14	0	14	4%
Other	18	6	24	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**5,554.9 hours spent on cases.**  
**742 residents in Franklin and Fulton Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$187,367.00 in savings and economic benefits to Franklin and Fulton County clients and their communities.**

**Funding:** The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 43% 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 28% of our funds. Additional support comes from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, United Way of Franklin County and the Alexander Stewart Foundation.

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