



**MidPenn Legal Services
Lancaster 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.

Lancaster County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	508,514	542,903
Residents below the poverty level*	9.7%	10.8%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	6.2%	9.3%
Poverty Population*	49,591	56,050

*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>Lancaster County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid (at 125% of poverty level) 77,635</p>

Lancaster County Fiscal Year 17-18 Highlights	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	321	47	368	27%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	262	5	267	19%
Housing	248	1	249	18%
Public Benefits	220	7	227	16%
Consumer	39	27	66	5%
Health	28	0	28	2%
Employment/Expungement	45	5	50	4%
Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	21	1	22	1%
Miscellaneous	106	2	108	8%
TOTAL	1290	95	1385	100.00%
<p>18,665.2 hours spent on cases. 2,117 residents in Lancaster County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$1,079,354.28 in savings and economic benefits to Lancaster County clients and their communities.</p>				

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