

## MidPenn Legal Services Adams County Office 2019-2020 Fact Sheet



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

<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.

Adams County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	97,040	102,811
Residents below poverty level*	7.6%	8.8%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	4.4%	7.8%
Poverty Population*	7,343	8,567

Adams County Residents
Financially Eligible for Legal Aid
(at 125% of poverty level)
11,876

*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalize	d people, people in m	ilitary group quarters,
college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 y	ears old when calculate	ating poverty rates.

Adams County Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorneys	Total	%
Family	32	91	123	30%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence/Intimidation	156	2	158	38%
Housing	69	0	69	16%
Public Benefits	17	0	17	4%
Consumer	31	3	34	8%
Employment	7	1	8	2%
Health	6	0	6	1%
Other	6	0	6	1%
TOTAL	324	97	421	100.00%

3,224.4 hours spent on cases.

701 residents in Adams County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy. \$64,836 in savings and economic benefits to Adams County clients and their communities.

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