



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Blair 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>Blair County Statistics:</b>	2010	2017
Total Population	129,144	123,457
Residents below the poverty level*	12.9%	14.8%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	11.5%	16.3%
Poverty Population*	15,934	18,211

\*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><b>Blair County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 24,321</p>
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<b>Blair County Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	51	0	51	9%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	233	0	233	40%
Housing	142	0	142	24%
Public Benefits	54	0	54	9%
Consumer	89	2	91	15%
Employment/Expungement	11	0	11	2%
Other	8	0	8	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**4,573 hours spent on cases.**  
**1,174 residents in Blair County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$121,990.46 in savings and economic benefits to Blair 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 Blair County Bar Association, the United Way of Blair County and individual donations.

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