



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Clearfield 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>Clearfield County Statistics:</b> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Population                     | 76,375      | 79,685      |
| Residents below the poverty level*   | 14.7%       | 14.8%       |
| Households Receiving Food Stamps     | 14.2%       | 16.8%       |
| Poverty Population*                  | 11,909      | 11,159      |

\*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.

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| <p><b>Clearfield County Residents Eligible<br/>for Legal Aid</b><br/>(at 125% of poverty level)<br/>16,734</p> |
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| <b>Clearfield County<br/>Fiscal Year 17-17 Overview</b> | <b>MidPenn<br/>Staff</b> | <b>Volunteer<br/>Attorney</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>%</b>    |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Family  | 30                       | 6                             | 36           | 19%         |
| Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence Intimidation          | 87                       | 0                             | 87           | 40%         |
| Housing   | 54                       | 0                             | 54           | 17%         |
| Public Benefits   | 16                       | 0                             | 16           | 9%          |
| Consumer  | 27                       | 0                             | 27           | 8%          |
| Employment  | 8                        | 0                             | 8            | 3%          |
| Other   | 6                        | 3                             | 9            | 2%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>228</b>               | <b>9</b>                      | <b>237</b>   | <b>100%</b> |

**2,404.6 hours spent on cases.**  
**513 residents in Clearfield County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$29,271.17 in savings and economic benefits to Clearfield 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 individual donors.

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