



**MidPenn Legal Services
Bedford 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.

Bedford County Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	49,882	48,480
Residents below the poverty level*	13.5%	14.2%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	9.8%	14.5%
Poverty Population*	6,734	6,840

*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.

**Bedford County Residents
Financially Eligible for Legal Aid**
(at 125% of poverty level)
9,066

Bedford County Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	22	0	22	12%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	7	0	7	4%
Housing	42	0	42	23%
Public Benefits/Health	33	0	33	18%
Consumer	33	0	33	18%
Employment/Expungement	5	0	5	3%
Elder Law	37	0	37	21%
Other	2	0	2	1%
TOTAL	181	0	181	100.00%

**1,701 hours spent on cases.
236 residents in Bedford County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$76,703.95 in savings and economic benefits to Bedford County clients and their communities.**

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