



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Cumberland 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>Cumberland County Statistics:</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	222,311	250,066
Residents below the poverty level*	6.5%	8.6%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	3.6%	16.8%
Poverty Population*	15,036	19,804

\*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>Cumberland County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 25,508</p>
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<b>Cumberland County Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Family	106	254	360	31%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	356	3	359	31%
Housing	162	6	168	14%
Public Benefits	30	3	33	3%
Consumer	42	40	82	7%
Health	22	0	22	2%
Employment/Expungement	31	6	37	3%
Other	44	66	110	9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<p><b>6,972.6 hours spent on cases.</b>  <b>2,263 residents in Cumberland County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.</b>  <b>\$43,959.63 in savings and economic benefits to Cumberland County clients and their communities.</b></p>				

**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 Cumberland County Bar Association, the Cumberland County Commissioners, the Big Spring Community Chest, the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the United Way of the Capital Region, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and individual donations. MidPenn also receives Violence Against Women funding through a subcontract with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.

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