



MidPenn Legal Services 2019-2020 Fact Sheet



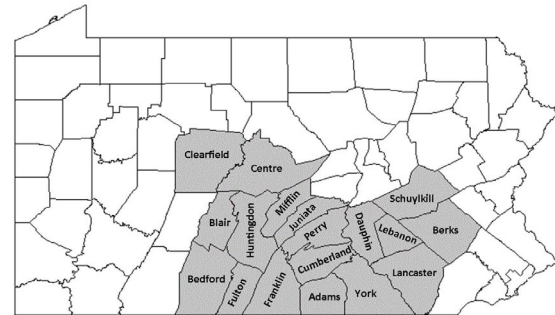
MidPenn is free civil legal aid. MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis. We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

Case Types: We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

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.

MidPenn Service Area Statistics:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	2,896,218	3,066,081
Residents below the poverty level*	9.0%	12%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	3.8%	11%
Poverty Population*	309,929	346,406
Residents financially eligible for legal aid at 125% of poverty level	388,949	459,631

*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.



Our Service Area

Fiscal Year 19-20 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorneys	Total	%
Family	1418	819	2237	25%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence/Intimidation	2194	114	2308	25%
Housing	2107	72	2179	24%
Public Benefits	677	50	727	8%
Consumer	630	179	809	9%
Health	117	0	117	1%
Barriers to Employment	238	65	303	3%
Elder Law	196	118	314	3%
Tax Controversies/Other	146	28	174	2%
TOTAL	7723	1445	9168	100.00%

97,876 hours spent on cases.

15,334 residents in our service area benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.

\$2,564,880 in savings and economic benefits to MidPenn clients and their communities.

Funding: The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 50.3% 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 23.4% of our funds. Additional support comes from United Ways, bar associations, local groups, private foundations, individuals, state and local government contracts.

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