

Our Mission

MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public interest law firm that provides high quality free civil legal services to low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

MidPenn Legal Services provides free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

MidPenn serves 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania. We provide legal advice and counsel to help very low-income families and survivors of domestic violence solve problems that focus on improving their personal safety, family stability and economic security.

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 44.1% 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 27.2% of our funds. Additional support Regional Housing Legal Services, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Schuylkill County Commissioners, the Schuylkill County Bar Association, the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services and individual donors.



- Population: 143,259
- Poverty Population: 17,055
- Eligible For Legal Aid: 22,707

	MidPenn Staff	Private Attorney Involvement	Total Cases	%
Housing	187	26	213	30%
Domestic Violence	184	0	184	25%
Family	150	45	195	27%
Health	17	0	17	2%
Consumer	67	5	72	10%
Employment	15	0	15	2%
Tax Controversies	6	0	6	1%
Public Benefits	24	0	24	3%
Total	650	76	726	



- 6,194.2 hours spent on cases.
- \$158,922.20 in savings and economic benefits to MidPenn clients and their communities.
- 1,461 adults and children benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.

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