

Legal Aid Facts

- MidPenn is the “Emergency Room of the Legal Profession.”
- Over a quarter of a million people in central Pennsylvania live below the poverty level.
- We are a private, non-profit, public interest law firm for the poor.
- Our clients include low-income individuals and their families, the elderly, the disabled, and survivors of domestic violence.
- Our goal is to help our clients have:
 - food on the table
 - stable home environment
 - an income source
 - access to health care
 - personal safety

MidPenn serves Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York counties.

Local Support:

Adams County Bar Association
Blair County Bar Association
Berks County Bar Association
Cumberland County Bar Association
Dauphin County Bar Association
Dauphin County Bar Foundation
Franklin County Bar Association
Lancaster Bar Association
Lancaster Bar Foundation
Lebanon County Bar Association
York County Bar Association
York County Bar Foundation

Offices

ADMINISTRATION

213-A N. Front St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2240
Local Office Toll Free:
800-932-0356
For Services: 800-326-9177

ALTOONA

171 Lakemont Park Blvd.
Altoona, PA 16602
For Services: 800-326-9177

BEDFORD

232 East Pitt St.
Bedford, PA 15522
For Services: 800-326-9177

CARLISLE

401 E. Louther St., Suite 103
Carlisle, PA 17013
Local Office Toll Free:
800-822-5288
For Services: 800-326-9177

CHAMBERSBURG

230 Lincoln Way E., Suite A
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Local Office Toll Free:
800-372-4737
For Services: 800-326-9177

CLEARFIELD

211 E. Locust St.
Clearfield, PA 16830
For Services: 800-326-9177

GETTYSBURG

128 Breckenridge St.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
For Services: 800-326-9177

HARRISBURG

213-A N. Front St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2240
For Services: 800-326-9177

LANCASTER

38 N. Christian St., Suite 200
Lancaster, PA 17602
For Services: 800-732-0025

LEBANON

513 Chestnut St.
Lebanon, PA 17042
For Services: 800-326-9177

LEWISTOWN

303 W. Monument Sq.,
Suite 303
Lewistown, PA 17044
For Services: 800-326-9177

POTTSVILLE

315 N. Centre St., Suite 201
Pottsville, PA 17901
For Services: 800-326-9177

READING

501 Washington St., #401
Reading, PA 19601
For Services: 800-326-9177

SHENANDOAH

225 North Main St.
Shenandoah, PA 17976
For Services: 570-232-3962

STATE COLLEGE

3500 E. College Ave.
Suite 1295
State College, PA 16801
For Services: 800-326-9177

YORK

29 N. Queen St.
York, PA 17403
For Services: 717-848-3605

Applicants can apply for assistance by either calling or walking into a local office, or by calling our Coordinated Intake line at 800-326-9177.



MidPenn
LEGAL SERVICES

Critical Help for Critical Moments





Who We Are

Founded in 1969, MidPenn Legal Services is a nonprofit, public interest law firm with approximately 90 staff, including attorneys, paralegals and support staff. Since our incorporation we have provided free legal advice and representation to nearly one million clients. Using the civil justice system, we improve the lives of our clients and the communities where we live and work through the provision of quality, impactful legal services.

What is Legal Aid?

MidPenn' services are free to eligible, low-income residents. Our attorneys and paralegals provide legal advice and representation in civil (non-criminal) matters.

As members of the communities we serve, we strive to help our clients become independent and self-sufficient members of the community by strengthening families, stabilizing housing, securing and maintaining income, providing access to health care, protecting personal safety and protecting individual rights.

What Are Our Major Areas of Work

The types of legal problems MidPenn can handle may change depending on our resources:

- **Family Law** – Custody, Visitation, Divorce
- **Domestic Violence** – Protection from Abuse, Protection from Sexual Violence or Intimidation
- **Health** – Medicaid, Medicare
- **Housing Law** – Mortgage Foreclosure, Evictions, Habitability, Public and Subsidized Housing
- **Public Benefits** – Unemployment Compensation, SNAP, WIC, TANF, SSI
- **Consumer Law** – Debt Collection, Bankruptcy, Predatory Lending, Utility Terminations
- **Elder Law** – Power of Attorney, Wills, Guardianship

Major Funders

MidPenn Legal Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which receives funding from many sources, both public and private.

Major sources of funding:

- Legal Services Corporation (LSC)
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN)
- PA Interest On Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA)
- The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)

What Other Services Do We Offer?

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic: Legal advice and representation to low-income taxpayers and taxpayers who speak English as a second language in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service.

Legal Intervention for Victims and Empowerment: Legal representation to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in protection orders, family law, housing and expungement.

Medical Legal Partnership: Medical Legal Partnerships combine legal advocacy with health care to address the environmental and social factors that impact a patient's health.

Employment Law Project: Protecting the rights of low-income workers and removing barriers to employment, housing and education opportunities through the expungement of criminal records.

Community Education: MidPenn advocates are available to speak to human services agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses and other community groups on specific areas of law, issues facing the low-income population in the community and the services offered by MidPenn.

Pro Bono Program: Private attorneys volunteer their time and expertise to handle cases for free, often through a local bar association.

Ombudsman: Ombudsmen advocate on behalf of long-term care facility residents for their rights, make referrals with legal issues, mediate problems, and ensure that the residents' quality of life is maintained – all with consumer consent.

