

**MidPenn Legal Services
Dauphin and Perry Counties Office Fact Sheet**

Mission: We provide critical help for those with critical needs. We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Dauphin and Perry Counties. We aim to provide the best service available to the greatest number of clients. We advise and represent on civil issues: domestic violence, custody, housing, health care, consumer, elder law and public benefits. The largest part of our caseload is family law cases. We do not handle criminal cases.

Funding: Government funding is our primary source of funding. The Pennsylvania Legal Assistance Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funds. PLAN distributes IOLTA and Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation provides 31% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We also receive funding from the United Way of the Capital Region, the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Victims of Crime Act.

Dauphin County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9.41%	11.0%
Food Stamp recipients	4.8%	11.0%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.1%	16.2%
Poverty Population	23,706	28,222

Perry County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.54%	8.6%
Food Stamp recipients	3.3%	6.9 %
Eligible for Medical Assistance	8.0%	11.8%
Poverty Population	3,286	3,884

Dauphin/Perry - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	186	71	257	17.3%
Education	0	2	2	0.1%
Employment	75	1	76	5.1%
Family	407	211	618	41.7%
Juvenile	2	0	2	0.1%
Health	2	0	2	0.1%
Housing	343	9	352	23.8%
Income Maintenance	90	63	153	10.3%
Other/Multiple Topics	19	1	20	1.3%
	1124	358	1482	100%

MidPenn advocates spent 5730.20 hours on cases in Dauphin and Perry Counties in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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