

**MidPenn Legal Services
Franklin and Fulton 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 Franklin and Fulton 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 (LSC) provides 31% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the United Way of Franklin County, the Alexander Stewart Foundation and Friends of Legal Services.

Franklin County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	7.4%	9.0%
Food Stamp recipients	3.0%	6.7%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	7.8%	11.9%
Poverty Population	9,574	12,915

Fulton County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	11.02%	12.3%
Food Stamp recipients	4.0%	9.4%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.3%	16.4%
Poverty Population	1529	1837

Franklin/Fulton - FY0809 Cases Handled	MidPenn	Pro Bono	Total	%
Consumer	102	4	106	15.6%
Employment	5	0	5	0.7%
Family	230	80	310	45.7%
Health	1	0	1	0.1%
Housing	155	0	155	22.9%
Income Maintenance	80	0	80	11.8%
Individual Rights	1	0	1	0.1%
Other/Multiple Topics	20	0	20	2.9%
TOTAL	594	84	678	100.0%

MidPenn advocates spent 3,302.70 hours on cases in Fulton and Franklin Counties in fiscal year 2008-2009.

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