

## Did You Know?

- Domestic violence can cause temporary or permanent disability.
- People with disabilities experience higher rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and abuse.
- Violence, assault, and abuse against a person with a disability often take on non-traditional forms, such as an abusive partner interfering with assistive devices or using the individual's disability to shame or humiliate them.
- Between 42% and 52% of female victims of intimate partner violence in the United States sustain an injury, and 41% require medical care as a result of a physical assault by an intimate partner.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, call your local domestic violence organization or the 24-hour national hotline:  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

## MidPenn Legal Services

### Securing Economic Rights for Victims with Disabilities Project

3 West Monument Square, Suite 303

Lewistown, PA 17044

717-248-3099 or 800-326-9177, Ext. 1503

For more information about MidPenn Legal Services visit our website at [www.midpenn.org](http://www.midpenn.org) or follow us on:



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## Social Security Disability Benefits

For Survivors of Domestic Violence & Other Victims of Crimes



ARE YOU a domestic violence survivor or other victim of a crime who is unable to work because of disability related to your victimization?

HAVE YOU applied for Social Security disability benefits and been denied?

We may be able to help.

## Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance through this program you must:

- Be a survivor of domestic violence or other victim of a crime
  - Note: Criminal charges are not needed

and

- Have applied for Social Security disability benefits and been denied

and

- Be a resident of Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Juniata, or Mifflin counties

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For more information and to be screened for eligibility, please contact us:

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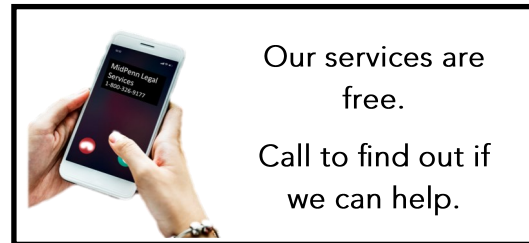
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## What Services Are Available?

### What assistance can MidPenn provide?

If you qualify for service under this program, MidPenn may be able to help you appeal your denial of benefits, collect your medical records, and represent you at your Social Security hearing before an administrative law judge.



### What is Social Security Disability?

Social Security disability is a federally funded program that provides benefits if you have a medical condition that has prevented you from working or is expected to prevent you from working for at least 12 months or end in death.

For more information regarding Social Security disability benefits, please visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) and click on "Disability."

## Who We Are

MidPenn Legal Services is a nonprofit, public interest law firm that provides civil legal services to low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Our services are provided free of charge to individuals who meet the program criteria. For this program, there are no income eligibility guidelines.

MidPenn provides legal assistance to eligible persons regardless of color, gender, gender expression, race, religion, disability, age, national origin, ability to speak English, sexual orientation, veteran's status or any other consideration protected by law.

MidPenn has experienced Social Security disability advocates.

Translation services are available.

