



## MidPenn Legal Services Franklin and Fulton Counties Office 2018-2019 Fact Sheet



**MidPenn is free civil legal aid.** We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

**Case Types:** We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

**Mission:** MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

**Vision:** We seek orderly resolutions for poor families with critical legal problems. We protect personal safety, stabilize housing, secure income, and obtain health care for those with nowhere else to turn.

County Statistics	Franklin County		Fulton County	
	2010	2018	2010	2018
Total Population	147,758	154,835	14,667	14,523
Residents below the poverty level*	8.2%	10.4%	13.3%	12.2%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	5.0%	10.3%	7.7%	12.8%
Poverty Population*	12,017	16,103	1,973	1,778

\*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 years old when calculating poverty rates.

<b>Franklin County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) Franklin: 22,451
<b>Fulton County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) Fulton: 2,542

Franklin-Fulton Counties Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	82	23	105	30%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	30	0	30	9%
Housing	97	0	97	28%
Public Benefits/Health	24	0	24	7%
Consumer	46	7	53	15%
Employment/Expungement	14	0	14	4%
Other	18	6	24	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**5,554.9 hours spent on cases.**  
**742 residents in Franklin and Fulton Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.**  
**\$187,367.00 in savings and economic benefits to Franklin and Fulton County clients and their communities.**

**Funding:** The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network provides 43% 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 28% of our funds. Additional support comes from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, United Way of Franklin County and the Alexander Stewart Foundation.

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