

# 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. Louthier 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

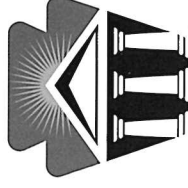
**READING**  
501 Washington St., #401  
Reading, PA 19601  
For Services: 800-326-9177

**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.



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Critical Help for Critical Moments





# MidPenn LEGAL SERVICES

## 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.

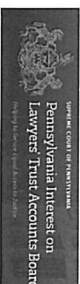


## What Are Our Major Areas of Work

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
- 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)

## Major Funders



## 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.



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