

**MidPenn Legal Services  
Schuylkill County Office  
2010-2011 Fact Sheet**

Mission: MidPenn provides critical help for critical needs. We are the legal safety net for low-income persons and for domestic violence survivors in Schuylkill County. 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 Aid Network (PLAN) provides 46% of our funding from interest on legal escrow accounts (IOLTA), state and federal Title XX monies. The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provides 32% of our funds. Additional monies are obtained from local groups, private foundations, and individuals. We receive funding from the Schuylkill County Commissioners, the Schuylkill County Bar Association and the Schuylkill Office of Senior Services.

Schuylkill County Statistics:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Residents living below the poverty level	9%	12.7 %
Food Stamp recipients	4.7%	13.5%
Eligible for Medical Assistance	10.4%	18.0%
Poverty Population	13,612	18,833

<b>Schuylkill – FY 10-11 Cases Handled</b>	<b>MidPenn</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Consumer	85	3	88	15.39%
Employment	26	0	26	4.55%
Family	137	4	141	24.65%
Domestic Violence	38	0	38	6.64%
Health	17	0	17	2.97%
Housing	203	1	204	35.66%
Income Maintenance	53	0	53	9.27%
Other/Multiple Topics	5	0	5	.87%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

MidPenn advocates spent 2,952.0 hours on cases in Schuylkill County in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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