



**MidPenn Legal Services  
Northern Schuylkill County  
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.

<b>Schuylkill County Statistics:</b>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Population	140,831	142,067
Residents below the poverty level*	11.9%	12.5 %
Food Stamp recipients	9.6%	15.0%
Poverty Population*	17,646	17,118

\*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.

<p><b>Schuylkill County Residents Eligible for Legal Aid</b> (at 125% of poverty level) 23,965</p>
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<b>Schuylkill County- Shenandoah Office Fiscal Year 18-19 Overview</b>	<b>MidPenn Staff</b>	<b>Volunteer Attorney</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Housing	31	0	31	76%
Public Benefits	3	0	3	7%
Consumer	7	0	7	17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>
<p><b>450.7 hours spent on cases. 35 residents in Schuylkill County benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.</b></p>				

**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 funds from Regional Housing Legal Services and private donations.

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