

"Now more than ever, our poorest families are facing critical challenges. They are fighting to keep their homes. They are struggling to feed their families. Legal Aid can help address these problems. The PLAN legal aid programs provide orderly resolutions for these families in dire need. Government funding for legal aid is a core responsibility."

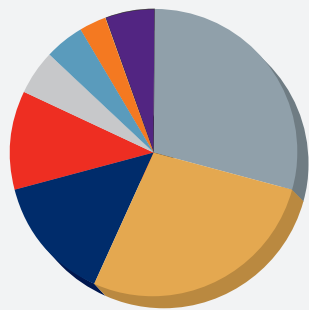
Dick Thornburgh,
Former Governor and a Founder of Neighborhood Legal Services Association of Pittsburgh

Tanaya was fearful for good reason. After she got her kids back from their father, he terrorized their home. *"He hit me in front of the children. I saw them run from their own father. He broke their toys. MidPenn helped me get a PFA court order and then we won the custody case, too. I feel so much freer now,"* says Tanaya. The York County mom believes her children are safe but admits that she still looks over her shoulder when she goes outside.

Tanaya Thomas,
Client of MidPenn Legal Services

Legal Aid Handled Cases

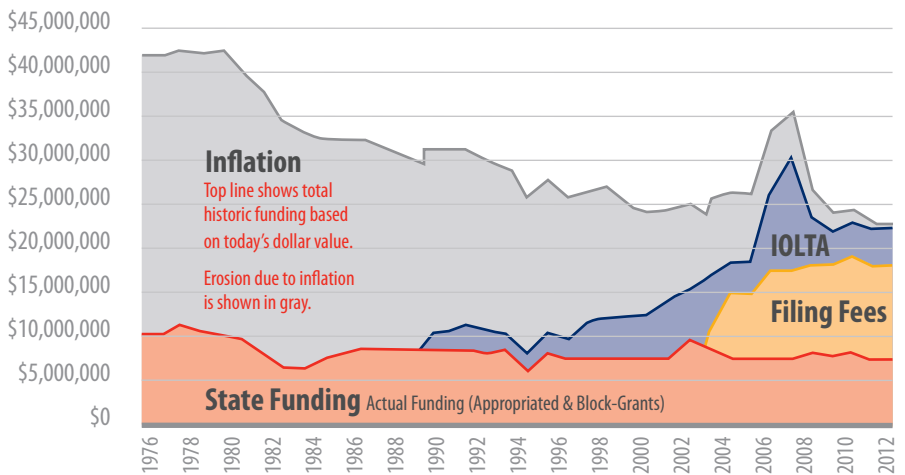
2011-2012 Fiscal Year



- 29.3% Family
- 27.5% Housing
- 14.2% Income
- 11.1% Consumer
- 5.0% Employment
- 4.5% Miscellaneous
- 3.0% Juvenile
- 5.4% Health

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) is the network of civil legal aid programs which provide legal representation to low income Pennsylvanians who have nowhere else to turn.

State Funding Sources for Civil Legal Services*



* Shown in real dollars, state funding sources have fallen behind. 2012 total is 1/2 of what was in 1976 (taking inflation into account).

Legal Aid Brings Great Economic Benefits and Jobs to Pennsylvania:¹

- \$546 million in direct economic benefits for Pennsylvania's local communities.
- \$48 million in additional cost savings for Pennsylvania taxpayers and communities.

PLAN programs represent about 90,000 clients yearly with urgent legal problems, 54% of whom live in rural areas.

- Legal aid helps nearly 10,000 clients every year, who are faced with mortgage foreclosures.
- Legal aid represents about 12,000 domestic violence clients annually.

The total state appropriation for legal aid is only about \$2.5 million and it has declined in recent years. In addition, there are some state appropriated federal funds, mortgage foreclosure settlement funds and filing fees. The Governor's budget for FY 2013-4 proposes \$2.461 million in state funding, the same as the current fiscal year.

For each person represented by legal aid, another person who asks for help and is eligible is turned away.² **This unmet need for legal aid costs the state money.³**