

**Rule 404. Social Service Referrals**

In any proceeding involving custody or visitation the Court may order a party to submit to an evaluation by the office of the Director of Social Services as detailed in an order of reference. Any written reports made as a result thereof shall be made available only to the assigned judge, counsel of record, and unrepresented parties. The reports shall be filed in the Court jacket only when ordered by the Court and may be filed under seal.

**COMMENT**

Under D.C. Code § 11-1722(a) and (d) the Division will have the assistance of the Director of Social Services for purposes of home studies, psychological examinations, or other evaluations. See Superior Court Intrafamily Rule 11(e) for provisions permitting the Court to order treatment and counseling in intrafamily proceedings.