

Rule 404. Social Service Referrals

In any proceeding involving custody or visitation the court may order a party or a child at issue to submit to an evaluation by the Court Social Services Division as detailed in an order of reference. Any written report made as a result of the evaluation may only be provided to the assigned judge, counsel of record, and unrepresented parties. On the court's order, the report may be filed on the docket under seal.

COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENTS

This rule has been amended consistent with the stylistic changes to the civil rules. This rule does not limit the court's ability to refer the party or child for evaluation by the Custody Assessment Unit.

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.