

**Rule 1915.1(a)(1) Scope.**

This rule shall be applicable to all actions for custody, partial custody and visitation whether filed as an independent cause of action or as a count in a related proceeding.

- i. All individuals with standing to pursue an action for custody, partial custody or visitation with children from birth to age 17 shall complete the custody education program for adults.
- ii. All children ages 6 to 15 who are in the care of a party or parties shall participate in an interactive group program for children.
- iii. Parties also shall participate in the mediation orientation program. Additionally, step-parents, step-children, grandparents and others closely involved with the custody of the children may also participate in the education programs, upon consent of all parties.

**Note:** Promulgated April 2, 1998, effective May 25, 1998; amended January 18, 2001, effective 30 days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.