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**SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS**

No. CV-18-494

MARLENY REYES-RAMOS

PETITIONER

V.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES AND MINOR  
CHILDREN

RESPONDENTS

**Opinion Delivered:** August 2, 2018

PETITION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS

DISSENTING OPINION.

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**JOSEPHINE LINKER HART, Associate Justice**

I dissent; Marleny Reyes-Ramos is plainly indigent, and this court should grant her petition to proceed in forma pauperis. Her affidavit provides that she only earns approximately \$1,000 each month and that she only has approximately \$200 in her bank account. While Reyes-Ramos's husband, Rolando Juarez, earns approximately \$500 each week, the law generally treats separate parents as separate parties with separate legal interests in dependency-neglect proceedings. *See, e.g., Adkins v. Ark. Dep't of Human Servs.*, 2017 Ark. App. 229 (in dependency-neglect appeal, mother's case dismissed as moot, father's case reversed and remanded for further proceedings). Accordingly, Juarez's income should not be imputed to Reyes-Ramos for purposes of this appeal. Accordingly, I would grant Reyes-Ramos's petition to proceed in forma pauperis.