

**THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Mary A. Fortenberry, Carlos Tellez, and David Sprouse,  
Defendants,

Of whom Carlos Tellez is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2018-002121

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Appeal From Cherokee County  
Usha J. Bridges, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Kimberly Yancey Brooks, of Kimberly Y. Brooks,  
Attorney at Law, of Greenville; and Carlos Tellez, pro se,  
both for Appellant.

Travis Shane Greene, of the South Carolina Department  
of Social Services, of Gaffney, for Respondent.

Harry A. Hancock, of Columbia, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Carlos Tellez appeals the family court's final order finding he placed his minor child at a substantial risk of physical abuse and removing his child from his custody. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-1660(E) (2010) (setting forth when a family court may remove a minor child from a parent's custody); S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-20(6) (Supp. 2018) (defining "'[c]hild abuse or neglect' or 'harm'"). Upon a thorough review of Tellez's pro se response, the record, and the family court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Tellez's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and SHORT and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.