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IN THE MATTER OF:

H.T.R.D,

ORDER

Youth in Need of Care.

Appellant K.R.R. (Mother) moves this Court for appointment of counsel in this appeal. As grounds, she states that she is indigent and unable to afford private counsel. Mother provides that the underlying proceeding concerned an abuse and neglect proceeding, pursuant to § 41-3-422, MCA, in the Fourth Judicial District Court, Missoula County. She includes a copy of the court's May 11, 2026 Order Denying Petition for Removal and Dissolution of Guardianship.

Mother had counsel to represent her in the underlying proceeding. *See* §§ 41-3-425(1), and 47-1-104(4)(a)(iii), MCA. She is entitled to appointment of appellate counsel. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Mother's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is GRANTED. The Appellate Defender Division shall have fifteen days—on or before Wednesday, June 24, 2026—from the date of this Order within which to file either a Notice of Appearance or a Motion to Rescind this Order appointing counsel. The Appellate Defender Division shall order any other necessary transcripts.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to provide a copy of this Order to: the Appellate Defender Division, counsel of record, and K.R.R. personally.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2026.

For the Court,

By: 

Chief Justice