

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CORY J. TAGGART and JOSHUA
ALLEN LEE TAGGART, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MALISSA PARISH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JASON TAGGART,

Respondent.

Before: Reilly, P.J., and Hood and Murphy, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the probate court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b), (c)(i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b), (c)(i) and (j). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant was given a full and fair opportunity to prove that she could provide a safe and non-neglectful environment in which to raise the children. *In re Newman*, 189 Mich App 61, 67-68; 472 NW2d 38 (1991). The probate court did not commit a series of errors which cumulatively combined to constitute clear error. The probate court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-failed to show that

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termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best

interests. *In re Hall-Smith*, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 195833, issued 3/25/97), slip op p 3. Thus, the probate court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Maureen Pulte Reilly

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ William B. Murphy