

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SHAKIA EDMONDS, LYNNETTE
YOUNG, GORGEOUS YOUNG, LYNEL YOUNG,
MARTEZ YOUNG, ADRIAN YOUNG,
RAPHELLE YOUNG, YASMIN YOUNG, and
TYREL YOUNG, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

YASMIN EDMONDS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LYNEL YOUNG, ANTHONY RICHARDS and
JOHN DOE,

Respondents.

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Markman and Whitbeck, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Yasmin Edmonds appeals by delayed application granted from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Once a statutory ground for termination has been met by clear and convincing evidence, MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5) requires

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a parent to put forth at least some evidence that termination is clearly not in the child's best interest. *In re Hall-Smith, supra*. Absent any evidence from the parent addressing this issue, termination of parental rights is mandatory. *Id.* In the present case, respondent does not claim that a statutory ground for termination was not established by clear and convincing evidence. Moreover, respondent failed to put forth any evidence from which the juvenile court could conclude that termination was clearly not in the children's best interest. Therefore, the court's decision to terminate respondent's parental rights was in conformity with the requirements of MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Stephen J. Markman

/s/ William C. Whitbeck