

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of FAITH JESUSARINA WALKER,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SUSAN ARNAY WALKER,

Respondent-Appellant.

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May 8, 1998

No. 203638

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 90-285047

Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Jansen and Gage, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

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

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). The juvenile court did not fault respondent for matters she could not change. While respondent had made some progress on the goals of her treatment plan at the time of the termination hearing, the juvenile court did not act too hastily in deciding to terminate her parental rights. It appeared that respondent's progress in treatment was only motivated by the termination proceedings. Given the amount of time that petitioner had worked with respondent and provided services, the progress made by respondent was not significant enough to forestall termination of her rights, especially in light of her history of drug abuse and relapses. While respondent showed some progress in her treatment and becoming a fit parent, she herself admitted that she needed to work on "a variety of things" for herself before she could consider taking the child into custody. Therefore, the evidence indicated that there was no reasonable expectation that respondent would be able to care for the child within a reasonable time.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Hilda R. Gage