

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of JENNIFER MARIE FINCHAM,  
BRIANNA NICHOLE GUMP, a/k/a BRIANA  
NICHOLE GUMP, and JESSICA LYNN  
WOODHAM, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROXANNE FINCHAM,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RICHARD GUMP,

Respondent,

and

DAVID WOODHAM,

Respondent-Appellee.

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No. 209390

Branch Juvenile Court

LC No. 95-000022 NA

Before: Gribbs, P.J., and Saad and P.H. Chamberlain\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Roxanne Fincham appeals by delayed leave granted the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The juvenile court's exercise of jurisdiction can be challenged only on direct appeal, not by collateral attack. *In re Hatcher*, 443 Mich 426, 439; 505 NW2d 834 (1993); *In re Bechard*, 211 Mich App 155, 159; 535 NW2d 220 (1995). Therefore, this issue is not properly before this Court. *Id.* In any event, the allegations contained in the petition were established by a preponderance of the evidence and were sufficient to support the assumption of jurisdiction over the minor children. MCL 712A.2(b); MSA 27.3178(598.2)(b).

Next, the juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCL 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith, supra*. Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs  
/s/ Henry William Saad  
/s/ Paul H. Chamberlain