

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of VERONICA NICOLE MATTE,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

AIMEE MARIE MATTE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JOHN DOE,

Respondent.

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February 19, 1999

No. 205987

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-336722

Before: Murphy, P.J., and MacKenzie and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(f); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(f). We affirm.

According deference to the juvenile court's superior ability to judge the credibility of the witnesses who appeared before it, we conclude that the juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, because respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was "clearly not" in the child's best interests, MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), the juvenile court did not err in

terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Barbara B. MacKenzie

/s/ Michael J. Talbot