

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JEREMIAH NOAH GATLIN,
JEDADIAH GWENNAYE GATLIN and
JEHSOUHA ISSAC GATLIN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PATRICIA ANNICE GATLIN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ED CARTER, BERNARD BELLAFONT, a/k/a
BERNARD BELLAFANT, and JODY WHATLEY,

Respondents.

Before: McDonald, P.J., and Hood and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial 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.

Respondent-appellant challenges the termination of her parental rights under § 19b(3)(c)(i) only. Because only one statutory ground is necessary to terminate parental rights and because respondent-appellant does not challenge the termination of her parental rights under the other statutory subsections relied on by the trial court, respondent-appellant is not entitled to appellate relief with respect to the issue whether a statutory ground for termination was sufficiently proven. *Roberts & Son Contracting,*

Inc v North Oakland Development Corp, 163 Mich App 109, 113; 413 NW2d 744 (1987) (failure to address an issue which necessarily must be reached precludes relief).

The record does not reveal that the Family Independence Agency failed to make reasonable efforts either to prevent the children's removal or to assist respondent-appellant in rectifying the conditions that led to removal.

Finally, 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*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff