

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHRISTOPHER S. WILLIAMS,
a/k/a CHRISTOPHER S. SHIE, and CHRISTINA A.
WILLIAMS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LOVORIA TRIPLETT,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

EDDY GENE WILLIAMS,

Respondent.

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No. 210594

Oakland Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 92-055446 NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), (h) and (i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), (h) and (i). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Respondent-appellant does not contest that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Instead, she contends that the family court erred in finding that it was in the minor children's best interests to terminate her parental rights. We find no error.

Once a statutory ground for termination is established, the court “shall order termination of parental rights . . . unless the court finds that termination of parental rights to the child is clearly not in the child’s best interests.” MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5). The parent has the burden of coming forward with evidence that termination is clearly not in the child’s best interest. *In re Hamlet (After Remand)*, 225 Mich App 505, 522; 571 NW2d 750 (1997). The court’s decision is reviewed in its entirety for clear error. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Although respondent-appellant presented some evidence that termination was not in the children’s best interests, viewing the record and the family court’s decision in its entirety, we find no clear error in the court’s decision to terminate parental rights. *Id.*; *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 103; ___ NW2d ___ (1998).

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff