

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

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In the Matter of ASHLEY SHANICE MILLER,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

HENRY LEE MILLER, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LENA ROSE McCULLOUGH,

Respondent.

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No. 212302

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 91-294255

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

**MEMORANDUM.**

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

We reject respondent-appellant's claim that the trial court failed to make sufficient findings of fact and conclusions of law. The trial court need only make "[b]rief, definite, and pertinent findings and conclusions on contested matters." MCR 5.974(G)(1). Here, the trial court issued a written decision detailing its findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the decision to terminate parental rights. The findings and conclusions are sufficient to satisfy the court rule.

The trial 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 his parental rights was “clearly not” in the minor child’s best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant’s parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff