

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

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In the Matter of ELISA MARIE EDWARDS,  
CHARLES WILLIAMS, JR., CARL WILLIAMS and  
JASMINE MCCLAIN, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

RHONDA GAINES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ELI EDWARDS, LASHAWN MCCLAIN and  
CHARLES WILLIAMS, SR.,

Respondents.

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Before: Markman P.J., and Saad and P. D. Houk\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The family 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, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights

\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

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 family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Stephen J. Markman

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Peter D. Houk