

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ALIXIS TRUSS-TROUBLEFIELD,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ALIX TROUBLEFIELD,

Respondent-Appellant.

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October 8, 1999

No. 215810

Saginaw Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-024822 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Zahra and S.L. Pavlich*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i). We affirm.

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 failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the child'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); see also MCR 5.974(E)(2). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Scott L. Pavlich

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