

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of LAKEISHA¹ RENEE WILSON,
STEPHANIE DENISE WILSON, MYEISHA
MICHAELA WILSON, OLANDO DANTE' JONES
and DWIGHT EDDIE LANGSTON, JR., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BARBARA LYNN WILSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MICHAEL CULBERSON and DWIGHT
LANGSTON, SR.,

Respondents.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Barbara Wilson ("respondent") appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

We find no merit to respondent's argument that the petition to terminate her parental rights was prematurely filed. The record indicates that respondent had more than a year between the adjudicative hearing and the termination hearing to work on the requirements of her treatment plan, but made little

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

progress in this regard. More significantly, respondent failed to address the most important aspect of her treatment plan, that being the need for treatment of her substance abuse problem. Having reviewed the record, we conclude that the family court did not clearly err in finding 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). Further, respondent 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 family court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Scott L. Pavlich

¹ The spelling of this child's name also appears as "LaKesihia" in the record.