

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of PRISCILLA MARIE SMITH, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BONNIE MARIE SMITH and JERRY LEE GANT,
a/k/a JERRY L. GANT,

Respondents-Appellants.

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Nos. 216425; 216705

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-340662

Before: Whitbeck, P.J., and Gribbs and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Smith appeals as of right, and respondent Gant appeals by delayed leave granted, the family court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), (h) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), (h) and (j). We affirm.

Only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights. *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 97; 585 NW2d 326 (1998). The family court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j) were all established by clear and convincing evidence with respect to respondent Smith, or in finding, at a minimum, that §§ 19b(3)(g) and (h) were both established by clear and convincing evidence with respect to respondent Gant. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Both respondents failed to show that termination of their parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interest. 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 respondents' parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs

/s/ Helene N. White