

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

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In the Matter of CHRISTINA J. ANISE PIPPEN and  
MARCEELA FAITH PIPPEN, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DARENCE PIPPEN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JANICE MARIE PIPPEN,

Respondent.

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No. 218722

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 81-224295

Before: Wilder, P.J., and Sawyer and Markey, JJ.

**MEMORANDUM.**

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted from a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(h) and (k)(ii); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(h) and (k)(ii). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant contends that the trial court erred in assuming jurisdiction over the children because he had placed them with his sister. However, this issue involves a challenge to the court's exercise of jurisdiction, which can only be challenged in a direct attack. Respondent-appellant is precluded from collaterally attacking the court's exercise of jurisdiction in this appeal from the order terminating parental rights. *In re Hatcher*, 443 Mich 426, 436-438; 505 NW2d 834 (1993); *In re Powers*, 208 Mich App 582, 587-588; 528 NW2d 799 (1995). Respondent-appellant's reliance on

*In re Curry*, 113 Mich App 821; 318 NW2d 567 (1982), is misplaced because the respondents in that case directly appealed the court's exercise of jurisdiction.

To the extent that respondent-appellant's argument may be viewed as a challenge to the trial court's decision to terminate under § 19b(3)(h), we conclude that it is unnecessary to consider this issue. Only one statutory ground must be proven in order to terminate parental rights. *In re Huisman*, 230 Mich App 372, 384-385; 584 NW2d 349 (1998). Here, respondent-appellant's parental rights were also terminated under § 19b(3)(k)(ii) and respondent-appellant does not address the merits of that decision. Failure to address this necessary issue precludes appellate relief. See *In re JS and SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 98-99; 585 NW2d 326 (1998).

We affirm.

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder  
/s/ David H. Sawyer  
/s/ Jane E. Markey