

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CARRIE A. MOENING, GREGORY
A. MOENING, and CHRISTOPHER M.
MOENING, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

VICKY LYNN MOENING,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

THOMAS CURTIS MOENING,

Respondent.

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April 7, 2000

No. 219857

Saginaw Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-025101 NA

Before: Zahra, P.J., and White and Hoekstra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

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). While respondent-appellant clearly loves her children, she has little insight into what is necessary to protect them, and what the older children need to help deal with the abuse they suffered. Further, respondent-appellant 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-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra