

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TONI MONIQUE DAWSON,
KAWANA MARIE DAWSON, MAURICE
ANTONIO DAWSON, LATAMARA AQUIN
DAWSON, and DEJA'NE NA'TE SMITH, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LATANYA ANGELNETTE SMITH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DAVIS DAWSON,

Respondent.

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April 21, 2000

No. 221039

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-354875

Before: Wilder, P.J., and McDonald and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Latanya Angelnette Smith (“respondent”) appeals by delayed leave granted from an order terminating her parental rights to her five minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j).¹ We affirm.

We review the trial court’s findings under the clearly erroneous standard. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). After reviewing 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. *Id.* Furthermore, respondent failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children’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 trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental

rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff

¹ Respondent David Dawson's parental rights were terminated pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j).