

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of DERVONTE THOMAS-JOHNSON  
and JACOB LEON THOMAS, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARIE DIANA THOMAS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DONDELEO J. JOHNSON and LASHAWN  
ANDERSON,

Respondents.

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April 28, 2000

No. 211901

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 94-317175

Before: Hood, P.J., and Gage and Whitbeck, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Our review of the record reveals that the family court did not clearly err in determining 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). Furthermore, respondent-appellant failed to demonstrate that termination of her parental rights clearly was 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). Therefore, we conclude that the family court properly terminated respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Harold Hood  
/s/ Hilda R. Gage  
/s/ William C. Whitbeck