

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KEVIN and MATTHEW LARSEN,
Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KRESSTINA KOPICKO,

Respondent-Appellant.

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June 13, 2000

No. 222734

Shiawassee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-008323-NA

Before: Meter, P.J., and Griffin and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals by right from the family court's order terminating her parental rights to two minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the aforementioned statutory bases for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Indeed, contrary to respondent's implication, numerous witnesses supported the trial court's finding that respondent would not be able to properly care for the children within a reasonable period of time. Moreover, respondent 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). Accordingly, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights. Respondent's contention that petitioner failed to offer adequate therapy is without merit; the record indicates that respondent participated in numerous services, including therapy, over the course of nearly two years but that she nevertheless failed to improve her parenting skills.

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Michael J. Talbot