

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JAMES PORTER, JR., TANISHA
POINTER, JAMIE POINTER, and MARY
POINTER, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROSIE POINTER,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 220708

Kalamazoo Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-000068-NA

Before: Jansen, P. J., and Hood and Saad, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the 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 statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent does not address the issue whether termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests, see MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), and, therefore, we deem that issue abandoned. Cf. *In re JS & SM*, 231 Mich App 92, 98; 585 NW2d 326 (1998). Accordingly, we find no basis for disturbing the family court's decision to terminate respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen
/s/ Harold Hood
/s/ Henry William Saad