

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RYAN DENNISTON, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANN DENNISTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RANDOLPH PANCAKE,

Respondent.

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No. 221508

Jackson Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-088111-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

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). Further, the family court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was not clearly contrary to the child'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). Contrary to what respondent-appellant argues, the record does

not indicate that the court improperly allocated the burden of proof with respect to the issue of the child's best interests. *In re Boursaw*, 239 Mich App 161, 178-180; ___ NW2d ___ (1999); *In re Hall-Smith*, *supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Henry William Saad