

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ANDREW COTTON, CRYSTAL
COTTON, and TYLER COTTON, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ELIZABETH R. ENGLISH,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 223926

Muskegon Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-026236-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from an order of the family court that terminated her parental rights to Andrew Cotton (dob 1/13/96), Crystal Cotton (dob 8/23/97), and Tyler Cotton (dob 6/3/98) pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (3)(g) and (3)(j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (3)(g), and (3)(j). 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, 634-635; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Terry*, 240 Mich App 14, 22; ___ NW2d ___ (2000). Furthermore, because respondent-appellant failed to put forth evidence from which the family court could conclude that termination was clearly not in the children's best interest, the decision to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights complied with the requirements of MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5), and was not clearly erroneous. See *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

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