

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of LAURA CARR, LUCINDA CARR
and LONNIE CARR, II, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

LUCILLE CARR,

Respondent - Appellant,

and

LONNIE CARR,

Respondent.

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No. 220154

Genesee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-110588-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Doctoroff and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j).¹ 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 Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445

¹ On the record, the trial court cited §§ 19b(3)(g) and (h) as the grounds for the termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights. It is apparent that the court misspoke when citing § 19b(3)(h), inasmuch as the court's statements on the record parallel § 19b(3)(j), and § (3)(h), which involves the imprisonment of a parent, is clearly not applicable to this case.

NW2d 161 (1989). The court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights at the initial dispositional hearing where respondent-appellant had been offered extensive services in the past, prior to formal court intervention, and failed to benefit from those services, and where evidence indicated that she would require additional, extensive therapy for two to three years before she could be expected to provide even marginal care for the children.

Further, notwithstanding the evidence that respondent-appellant had a close bond to her children, there is no clear error in the court's determination that the evidence presented failed to show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(3)(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(5); *In re Trejo*, __ Mich __; __ NW2d __ (2000); *In re Terry*, 240 Mich App 14, 23; __ NW2d __ (2000)(delay of two to three years for mother to learn parenting skills before child could be returned to her was not in the child's best interests).

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White
/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff
/s/ Peter D. O'Connell