

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SONJA MARIE VANNIMAN and
NICHOLE ALAN VANNIMAN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

BRENDA GABB,

Respondent - Appellant,

and

MARK VANNIMAN,

Respondent.

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October 20, 2000

No. 222522
Van Buren Circuit Court
Juvenile Division
LC No. 98-011566

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Hood and McDonald, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-Appellant Brenda Gabb appeals by delayed leave granted the order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

We are satisfied from our review of the record that the family court did not clearly err in finding that a statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Evidence was presented that respondent could not be an effective parent due to a personality disorder unless she cooperated in therapy and learned to change her attitude and the way she dealt with the children and others, that respondent failed to make sufficient effort, and that the minor children were doing well in foster care. In light of respondent's failure to abide by other court orders as well as testimony establishing that her behavior was resistant to change and that there was no reasonable likelihood that change would occur in

the foreseeable future, termination was warranted pursuant to § 19b(3)(g). Because only one statutory ground is required in order to terminate parental rights, we need not decide whether termination was also warranted under § 19b(3)(j). MCL 712A.19b(3); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3); *In re Trejo*, ___ Mich ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 112528, decided 7/5/00), slip op pp 21-22. Furthermore, there is no clear evidence, on the whole record, that termination was not in the children's best interest. *Id.* at slip op pp 12-14.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Gary R. McDonald