

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JUSTIN CHRISWELL, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MELISSA CHRISWELL,¹

Respondent-Appellant.

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November 28, 2000

No. 225711

Jackson Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-092125-NA

Before: Doctoroff, P.J. and Hoekstra and Markey, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by right the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), (j), and (l); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (i), (j), and (l). We affirm.

The court's factual findings were supported by the evidence and, thus, were not clearly erroneous. *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51; 501 NW2d 231 (1993); see, also, MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground was established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 350, 352, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). During the time that petitioner was involved with respondent and during the months that the minor child was in foster care, respondent demonstrated that she could not provide a safe and suitable home for her son. Further, contrary to respondent's assertion, the evidence did not establish that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. *Id.* at 357. In fact, the court went beyond

¹ Respondent is also referred to as Melisa Chriswell in the lower court record.

the statutory best interest inquiry by concluding that termination was in the child's best interests.
Id. The trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

We affirm.

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Jane E. Markey