

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CODY LYNN SAUNDERS and
STEPHANIE A. SAUNDERS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TRACY RENAE MATNEY,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MARK FRANKLIN SAUNDERS,

Respondent.

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No. 228478
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Family Division
LC No. 98-363151

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Before: Jansen, P.J., and Zahra and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from the trial court's order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. These appeals are being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

We review for clear error both the trial court's decision whether a statutory ground for termination was proven by clear and convincing evidence and its decision regarding a child's best interests. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). We conclude that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence with respect to both respondents. Further, considered in its entirety, the evidence did not show that termination of respondents' parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. *Id.* Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Brian K. Zahra

/s/ Donald S. Owens