

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of N.W., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BONITA WEAVER,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

June 26, 2001

No. 231761

Ionia Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-000169-NA

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Griffin and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii) and (m); MSA 27.3178(698.19b)(3)(ii) and (m). We affirm.

Respondent argues that the family court erred in concluding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. We review a family court's factual findings in a termination proceeding for clear error. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 661 (1989). After a thorough review of the record, we are satisfied that the family court's finding that petitioner established a statutory ground to terminate respondent's parental rights was not clearly erroneous. See *In re Powers Minors*, 244 Mich App 111, 117; 624 NW2d 472 (2000) (footnote omitted) ("A family court must find clear and convincing evidence of at least one statutory ground to terminate a parent's parental rights.").

Likewise, we reject respondent's contention that the family court clearly erred in concluding that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the best interest of the minor child.¹ See MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341,

¹ Respondent also contends that the family court improperly considered hearsay evidence and matters beyond the scope of the record in fashioning its decision. Respondent failed to preserve
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357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

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these issues for our review because she did not timely object in the lower court. See *Napier v Jacobs*, 429 Mich 222, 227-228; 414 NW2d 862 (1987). In any event, respondent's arguments are without merit. The trial court did not improperly consider hearsay evidence or matters outside of the record in rendering its decision.