

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of GERALD STEVEN  
GRIHORASH, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ERIN FAYE GRIHORASH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GEAD STANLEY WILLIAMS,

Respondent.

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No. 230224

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-376379

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Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Gage and C. H. Miel\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Erin Faye Grihorash appeals as of right from the order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The juvenile 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 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent-appellant contends that the trial court should have allowed her extra time to comply with the treatment plan because she is mentally ill. However, a parent's disability cannot serve as a defense to an action to terminate parental rights. *In re Terry*, 240 Mich App 14, 25-26; 610 NW2d 563 (2000). Furthermore, we find that the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

(2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Charles H. Miel