

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of T.A.L., Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KEITH R. LINK,

Respondent-Appellant.

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November 2, 2001

No. 230724  
Genesee Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 89-082737-NA

Before: Doctoroff, P.J., and Wilder and Chad C. Schmucker\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (k)(ii) and (n)(i). We affirm.

Respondent failed to properly preserve his evidentiary arguments for appeal. *Matter of King*, 186 Mich App 458, 465; 465 NW2d 1 (1990). Regardless, any error in admission of the therapist's opinion, reliance on the child-victim's statements to her, or the court's comments in its opinion were clearly harmless where the record was replete with evidence that would lead any rational fact finder to the conclusion that termination was in the child's best interests and that respondent's predatory actions would likely harm his daughter for years to come. Moreover, the trial court was not even required to make a finding regarding the child's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 352; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Furthermore, Detective Bade's testimony regarding the evidence seized from respondent's home pursuant to a search warrant was, in itself, corroborative of the child's statements to him about the sexual abuse perpetrated by respondent. See *Matter of Brimmer*, 191 Mich App 401, 406-407; 478 NW2d 689 (1991). Lastly, respondent has failed to demonstrate that he was denied the effective assistance of counsel. *People v Stanaway*, 446 Mich 643, 687-688; 521 NW2d 557 (1994). The family court, therefore, did not

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

err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Chad C. Schmucker