

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of A.W. and J.L.W., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SANDRA WILLIAMS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JIMMY JAMES WILLIAMS,

Respondent.

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October 8, 2002

No. 238619

Manistee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-009074-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Holbrook, Jr. and Cavanagh, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-Appellant (respondent) appeals as of right the order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(ii), (g), and (m). We affirm.

The court did not clearly err in finding after the permanency planning hearing that there was a substantial risk of harm if the children were returned to respondent. The court's statement in its order following the permanency planning hearing that respondent had made no progress toward the return of her children was harmless error.

The court did not clearly err in finding that at least one of the statutory grounds for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh