

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KELSEY AMBER GOULD and
VANNAISA CREE GOULD, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEBRA ANN GOULD,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DERRICK SEAN MCGEE and RAYMOND
PEDRO WOMACK,

Respondents.

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No. 248381

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 91-294566

Before: Donofrio, P.J., and Griffin and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (g), (i), (k)(i), and (l). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), now MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The principal condition that led to adjudication was respondent-appellant's leaving her children with a relative without adequate provisions, emergency instructions, or a forwarding address. The evidence established that respondent-appellant failed to complete several parts of her treatment program, failed to visit, contact, or inquire about her children for several months during the pendency of the case, and had her rights to three older children terminated for reasons including serious and chronic neglect.

Further, although not raised by respondent-appellant, we further find no clear error in the trial court's ruling that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was not contrary to the best interests of the children under these circumstances. MCL 712A.19b(5); *Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Kathleen Jansen