

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of JOSEPHINE MARTINA  
MANDILEGO, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KATHRYN LOUDENSLAGER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JOHN DEWAYNE SEYMOUR,

Respondent.

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No. 252944

Bay Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 02-007761-NA

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Gage and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 355; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). While respondent-appellant complied with some of the terms of her parent-agency agreement, she failed or refused to cooperate with FIA to obtain the necessary psychiatric care and medication. Without medication, respondent-appellant's thinking was delusional and paranoid and her behavior bizarre to the point of being dangerous or at least severely neglectful to her minor child. Respondent-appellant's testimony and behavior in court reinforced the conclusion that she was not sufficiently grounded in reality to care for a very young child. Much other evidence and testimony supported this conclusion.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in Josephine's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *Trejo, supra* at 356. Although respondent-appellant loved the child, her mental illness and refusal to obtain proper treatment placed the child at risk of further neglect and serious harm in respondent's care. Josephine needs permanence and a stable home, which respondent-appellant cannot provide. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor child.

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Donald S. Owens