

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KAIJAH MOORE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JODI MOORE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JEFFREY FLEEMAN,

Respondent.

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June 22, 2004

No. 252745

Kent Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 02-261501-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)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant does not challenge the sufficiency of the evidence establishing the statutory grounds for termination of her parental rights. She argues, instead, that termination of her parental rights was not in the best interests of the child. We disagree.

The minor child was brought under the court's jurisdiction after she sustained injuries at the age of five months during a domestic violence incident between her parents. Respondent-appellant made little progress in her major goals of overcoming her problems with domestic violence and substance abuse. She was discharged from both anger management classes and individual counseling for lack of attendance. She missed drug screens, tested positive for cocaine and marijuana, and failed to participate in an ordered relapse program. Respondent-appellant also failed to complete a domestic relations class, maintained a volatile off-and-on relationship with the child's father, and failed to maintain either legal employment or a stable residence.

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 (2000). The child was young and needed a stable home environment, which respondent-appellant was unable to provide. The evidence indicated that, although the child tolerated visits with respondent-appellant, there was no evidence that a bond existed between the two. When respondent-appellant's parental rights were terminated, the child was thriving in the home of her paternal aunt, who was seeking to adopt her. Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to her child.

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Donald S. Owens