

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ANGELIC BIANCA CROWLEY,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEBORAH ANN CLARK, a/k/a DEBORAH
ANN CLARK-DAWSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LAWRENCE TIMOTHY CROWLEY, a/k/a
LAWRENCE T. CROWLEY, and DAVID
LINCOLN PETERS,

Respondents.

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Neff and Markey, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). 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 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence clearly demonstrated that respondent-appellant was unable to properly parent the minor child who has Asperger's Syndrome, a mild form of autism. The minor child, who was an adolescent during most of these proceedings, requires a very structured environment and constant supervision of her hygiene. Respondent-appellant's borderline personality disorder and her relationship with Daniel Dawson rendered her incapable of being able to provide anything other than a chaotic environment marked by alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

Further, 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*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Although the minor child expressed her love for her mother and her desire to live with her mother, respondent-appellant continually demonstrated a lack of awareness and understanding of the child's needs. Accordingly, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Jane E. Markey