

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHADI HASSAN BEYDOUN,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

REBECCA MARIE DUNN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

HASSAN KASSAN BEYDOUN,

Respondent.

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September 23, 2004

No. 254320
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 99-383619

Before: Borrello, P.J., and Murray and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to her child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), (j), and (l).¹ We affirm.

We review a trial court's decision to terminate parental rights for clear error. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). A finding is clearly erroneous when we are left with the firm and definite conviction that a mistake was made. *In re JK*, 468 Mich 202, 209-210; 661 NW2d 216 (2003). To be clearly erroneous, a decision must be more than maybe or probably wrong. *Sours, supra*. If the trial court determines that the petitioner has proven by clear and convincing evidence the existence of one or more statutory grounds for termination, the court must terminate parental rights unless it finds from evidence on the whole record that termination is clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*,

¹ The trial court's order also terminated the parental rights of respondent Hassan Kassar Beydoun, the child's legal father. Beydoun has not appealed the order.

462 Mich 341, 353-354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). We review the trial court's decision regarding the child's best interests for clear error. *Id.* at 356-357.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that petitioner proved by clear and convincing evidence the existence of one or more statutory grounds for the termination of respondent's parental rights. The uncontradicted evidence showed that respondent's parental rights to three other children had been terminated as a result of proceedings under MCL 712A.2(b). Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was warranted under MCL 712A.19b(3)(l).² Furthermore, no evidence demonstrated that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5).

Affirmed.

/s/ Stephen L. Borrello
/s/ Christopher M. Murray
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood

² The trial court also found that termination of respondent's parental rights was warranted under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), and (j). Respondent's arguments regarding those grounds are irrelevant in light of the fact that termination was warranted under MCL 712A.19b(3)(l).