

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of COREY LAMONT KUMROW,  
JR., Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

RICHA KAY KUMROW,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

COREY LAMONT KUMROW,

Respondent.

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October 26, 2004

No. 255312  
Cass Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 02-000144-NA

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and Jansen and Bandstra, 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.

The trial court did not err reversibly in finding that the statutory ground for termination of parental rights was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent-appellant failed to provide proper care and custody for the minor child, and after more than three years of services, had difficulty managing the child's behavior, repeatedly tested positive for marijuana, and was convicted of a drug offense. While respondent-appellant did comply with some of the terms of her Parent-Agency Agreement, she failed to take responsibility for her actions and, by most accounts, had not changed and would be unable to change sufficiently within a reasonable time to be able to provide Corey with proper care and custody.

Further, the evidence did not show termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights to be clearly contrary to the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MCR 3.977(J); *Trejo*, *supra* at 353. The evidence supports that Corey loved his mother and was bonded to her.

However, the evidence showed that respondent-appellant's lack of progress and concern over his placement was negatively affecting Corey's well-being. The child needs a permanent, safe, stable home, which respondent-appellant cannot provide. We find no clear error in the trial court's determination on the best interests issue.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra