

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of SHAKIA MOLONE ALI and  
SAMIR ALI, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KEVIN LAMARR ALI,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 278873

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 84-243682-NA

Before: Murray, P.J., and Hoekstra and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were proven by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent, who had an alcohol problem, went through an inpatient program and promptly resumed drinking. He then abandoned the service plan and did not attempt to contact the children for over six months.

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *In re Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Christopher M. Murray

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder