

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AMMY KAREN ANN WARD,
Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SUZETTE WARD,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DANNY WARD,

Respondent.

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No. 281281
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Family Division
LC No. 06-009463-NA

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Respondent.

Before: Gleicher, P.J., and Fitzgerald and Hoekstra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their 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 of respondents' parental rights were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991); MCR 3.977(J). Respondents contend that they were not given sufficient time and services to demonstrate that they could bond with their child and learn to properly parent her. They argue that, because of their developmental limitations, they should have been given more time. We disagree. Although respondents plainly loved and desired to parent their child, the evidence established that they did not have the capacity to provide proper care and custody for a child. They were not able to care for themselves without intensive community support services. Additional time and services would not change respondents' capacity to properly parent a child.

The evidence also did not show that termination of respondents' parental rights was contrary to the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The child needed security and stability, which respondents just could not provide.

Affirmed.

/s/ Elizabeth L. Gleicher
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra