

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of DYNIA LYNN CUNLIFFE,  
Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SARAH CUNLIFFE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MARK MELTON,

Respondent.

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In the Matter of JAHREAM CUNLIFFE, Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SARAH CUNLIFFE,

Respondent-Appellant,

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MARK MELTON,

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Family Division

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Before: Zahra, P.J., and Cavanagh and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent Sarah Cunliffe appeals by right the family court's order terminating her parental rights to Dyniya Cunliffe under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g), and to Jahream Cunliffe under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err by finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Although provided with numerous services, respondent did little to rectify the conditions that brought the children into care. She finished one parenting class and completed a substance abuse program with excellent marks, but she continued to use cocaine and to become involved in violent encounters. She lied about the children's father, continued to engage in prostitution, and lived at numerous different addresses in addition to motels and cars. Respondent failed to attend AA/NA regularly and did not regularly attend counseling. She also used cocaine while pregnant. Ample evidence supported the termination of her parental rights to the minor children. See *In re Conley*, 216 Mich App 41, 43-44; 549 NW2d 353 (1996).

Nor did the family court err by finding that termination was not clearly contrary to the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *Trejo*, *supra* at 356-357. The evidence did not show a strong bond between respondent and either child. Respondent attended visitations only sporadically and was unable to overcome the problems that brought the children into care. The children were in need of a permanent, safe, and stable home, which respondent could not provide.

Affirmed.

/s/ Brian K. Zahra  
/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh  
/s/ Kathleen Jansen