

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of L.A.D., Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SAMANTHA LESLIE YOUNG,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

August 26, 2008

No. 284846

Cass Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 08-000017-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights pursuant to MCL 710.29(7). We affirm.

To the extent that the trial court erred in finding at the preliminary hearing that reasonable efforts were made to prevent the child's removal, MCL 712A.18f(1), the error was harmless. Services were not required in this case because termination was sought at the original dispositional hearing based on prior voluntary and involuntary terminations to the child's siblings. See MCL 712A.19a(2)(c); MCL 722.638(1)(b). Further, arguments concerning the adequacy and reasonableness of proffered services ultimately relate to the sufficiency of the evidence in support of a statutory ground for termination. *In re Fried*, 266 Mich App 535, 541; 702 NW2d 192 (2005). Here, petitioner was not required to prove a statutory ground for termination because respondent entered a plea of admission to the petition and then, before a dispositional hearing could be held on the petition, voluntarily released her parental rights pursuant to MCL 710.29. Respondent does not contend that her release was not knowingly and voluntarily made.

Affirmed.

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly