

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of WYATT LOGAN LAUSENG,  
Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LAURA LEE MILLER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SCOTT KENNETH LAUSENG,

Respondent.

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September 1, 2009

No. 290804  
St. Joseph Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 08-000783-NA

Before: M. J. Kelly, P.J., and K. F. Kelly and Shapiro, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Laura Miller appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). Because there were no errors warranting relief, we affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(G)(3); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 355; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent had a serious substance abuse problem that prevented her from providing proper care and custody. Respondent left the county to attend a substance abuse treatment program, but she resumed using drugs almost immediately upon her discharge and announced that she had no intention of returning to the county to participate in services. She had not been heard from, and the child had not seen her, for several months.

Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5). Respondent did nothing to maintain the parent-child bond with her son despite the caseworker's repeated attempts to contact respondent and get her involved with services. The child deserved permanency and the

opportunity to move on with his life. Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly  
/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly  
/s/ Douglas B. Shapiro