

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SHANTEL MARIE FREENY,
Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JUANITA EDWARDS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHARLES FREENY,

Respondent.

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October 20, 2009

No. 290157

Ingham Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 08-000392-NA

Before: Fort Hood, P.J., and Sawyer and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Juanita Edwards appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), (j), and (m). We affirm. This appeal has been decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Respondent challenges only the trial court's best interests decision. We find that 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); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent failed to make progress in addressing the issues that brought the child into care. She minimally and inconsistently participated in services and failed to follow through with critical programs. Considering respondent's history, ongoing substance abuse and mental health issues, and her failure to address or accept responsibility for the issues that led to the child's removal, it was reasonably likely that the child would be neglected and harmed if returned to respondent's custody. The child was in need of stability, safety, and permanency in

order to facilitate her growth and development. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio