

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of STEPHANIE ARIEL MALDING,
JASMINE ROSE MALDING, and BRIAN
ANDREW MALDING, JR., Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KRISTINA MALDING,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 293027

Ingham Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 08-000220-NA

Before: Servitto, P.J., and Bandstra and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to 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 were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(G); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 355; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The children came into care in part because respondent and her live-in partner had been substantiated for physically abusing the children. Both respondent and her partner were offered services, and respondent was directed not to allow any other adults to live in her home without the approval of the foster care worker. Respondent continued the same living arrangement without the workers' approval. The evidence also showed that even after completing parenting classes, respondent was unable to attend to the needs of all three children at once. She also lived in a state of squalor that was unhealthy for the children and lacked a source of income with which to support them.

Further, considering respondent's failure to benefit from services, and the children's needs for permanency and stability, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich at 354, 356-357. Thus, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental

rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Deborah A. Servitto

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood