

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA**

No. 7-310 / 07-0582  
Filed May 23, 2007

**IN THE INTEREST OF A.H.,  
Minor Child,**

**S.L., Mother,**  
Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Black Hawk County, Stephen C. Clarke, Judge.

A mother appeals from the order terminating her parental rights to her daughter. **AFFIRMED.**

Michael Bandy of the Bandy Law Office, Waterloo, for appellant mother.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, Kathrine Miller-Todd, Assistant Attorney General, Thomas J. Ferguson, County Attorney, and Kathleen Hahn, Assistant County Attorney, for appellee state.

Timothy Baldwin, Assistant Juvenile Public Defender, Waterloo, guardian ad litem for the minor child.

Considered by Sackett, C.J., and Vogel and Miller, JJ.

**VOGEL, J.**

S.L. appeals from a district court order, terminating her parental rights to her daughter, A.H., who was born in July of 2001.<sup>1</sup> She simply asserts, “the district court erred in finding that placement of the child in [her home] would not be in the best interests of the child.” As the mother has not appealed arguing the insufficiency of proof supporting termination under the sections relied on by the district court, Iowa Code sections 232.116(1)(f) and (l) (2007), we affirm. See Iowa R. App. P. 6.14(1)(c) (“Failure in the brief to state, to argue or to cite authority in support of an issue may be deemed waiver of that issue.”); *Hollingsworth v. Schminkey*, 553 N.W.2d 591, 596 (Iowa 1996) (“When a party, in an appellate brief, fails to state, argue, or cite to authority in support of an issue, the issue may be deemed waived.”).

Moreover, since September of 2005, A.H. has been in the care of her paternal grandparents. S.L. has a long-standing, substantial, and unaddressed drug problem, which has had a direct impact on her child. The State made more than reasonable efforts in an effort to reunify mother and daughter; however, S.L. squandered every opportunity given her. Her behaviors are clearly inconsistent with the best interests of her daughter. Upon our de novo review of the record, *In re R.F.*, 471 N.W.2d 821, 824 (Iowa 1991), we find termination of S.L.’s parental rights, as well as placement out of her home, is decidedly in A.H.’s best interests. Accordingly, we affirm the termination of S.L.’s parental rights to A.H.

**AFFIRMED.**

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<sup>1</sup> The father consented to the termination of his parental rights.