

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of TONY ALONZO RUSSELL, JR.,  
TAMMY JOYCE RUSSELL, KENNETH  
ANTONIO RUSSELL, LUTHEREN JAMES  
MELTON, JR., LARRY OUTLAW MELTON,  
CYRUS EDWARD MELTON, LONNIE NOEL  
MELTON, and PATRICK JERRY MELTON,  
Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PAMELA J. RUSSELL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TONY ALONZO RUSSELL and LUTHER  
MELTON,

Respondents.

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Before: Michael J. Kelly, P.J., and Fitzgerald and M.G. Harrison\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Pamela Russell appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Petitioner presented clear and convincing evidence that the conditions which led to the adjudication continued to exist and, given respondent's inability to care for the children properly and her need for continued therapy and other services, the conditions were not likely to be rectified within a reasonable time given the ages of the children and their two years in foster care. There was clear and convincing evidence to support the statutory grounds for terminating respondent's parental rights. *In re Jackson*, 199 Mich App 22, 25; 501 NW2d 182 (1993). Moreover, respondent did not show that retaining her parental rights was in the best interests of the children. Thus, the juvenile court's decision to terminate those rights was not clearly erroneous. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Michael G. Harrison