

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

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In the Matter of CHARLES J. SMITH, JOHN  
HATZENBUHLER and ERIC WILLIAM LENART,  
Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED  
March 27, 1998

v

No. 203645  
Wayne Juvenile Court  
LC No. 94-322170

TISHA SMITH and ERIC LENART,  
  
Respondents-Appellants,

and

JOHN HATZENBUHLER,  
  
Respondent.

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Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Hood and Sawyer, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Smith appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the three minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j). Respondent Lenart also appeals as of right from the juvenile court order which terminated his parental rights to the minor Eric William Lenart on the same statutory grounds. We affirm.

There was clear and convincing evidence to support the statutory grounds for terminating respondents' parental rights. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Jackson*, 199 Mich App 22, 25; 501 NW2d 182 (1993). Moreover, respondents did not show that retaining their parental rights was in the best interests of the children. Thus, the juvenile court's decision

to terminate those rights was not clearly erroneous. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ David H. Sawyer