

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of NATHANIEL JAMES and
AMANDA JAMES, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHEILA JAMES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LEEVAN HAYMAN and DAVID PEARSON,

Respondents.

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May 8, 1998

No. 203009

Genesee Juvenile Court

LC No. 88-079158 NA

Before: Neff, P.J., and White and D. A. Teeple,* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii) and (g). We affirm.¹

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Furthermore, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was not clearly in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights.

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

Respondent-appellant's assertions that the juvenile court relied on "inadmissible hearsay evidence" and that the evidence was insufficient because petitioner called only one witness at the termination hearing are waived because respondent-appellant failed to sufficiently argue these claims in her brief and failed to cite any legal authority in support these claims. *In re Toler*, 193 Mich App 474, 477; 484 NW2d 672 (1992). In any event, the claims are without merit because the caseworker who testified at the hearing had been involved in the case for over three years and personally worked with respondent and the children, and because documentary evidence was admitted, without objection, substantiating respondent's drug use and criminal history.

Affirmed.

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Donald A. Teeple

¹ The respondent fathers of the minor children, Leevan Hayman and David Pearson, have not appealed the termination of their parental rights.