

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of STEVEN BERNARD MANNING
and DAVID THOMAS MANNING, Minors

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

GERALDINE MANNING,

Respondent-Appellant.

and

STEVEN SCHFILED and DAVID RITTER,

Respondents.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b) (3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case has been decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

A decision regarding termination of parental rights is reviewed in its entirety for clear error. *In re Hamlet (After Remand)*, 225 Mich App 505, 515; 571 NW2d 750 (1997).

In the instant case, there was clear and convincing evidence that the conditions that led to adjudication continued to exist by the time of the trial, nearly two years after the children were found within the juvenile court's jurisdiction. Respondent still had not learned appropriate parenting skills.

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

She had not obtained “stable” housing, or permanent employment. She had not attended appointments for individual counseling and the clinic closed her file.

The “lack of consistent limits and structure” in the children’s lives, for which respondent was responsible, was a large part of the “conditions that led to adjudication” of the children. Plainly, these conditions continued to exist when the petition was filed. MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i). The same evidence supports termination pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j).

Having found that one of the statutory grounds for termination was established, the court was required to terminate respondent’s parental rights because she did not show that such was not in the best interests of the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Janet T. Neff
/s/ Helene N. White
/s/ Donald A. Teeple