

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BETTY REGINA SIMMONS-
ARNOLD and LARRY VINCENT ARNOLD-
SIMMONS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CLAXTON ARNOLD,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TERESA ANNETTE SIMMONS,

Respondent.

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No. 206032

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 88-271067

Before: Wahls, P.J., and Jansen and Gage, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent father appeals as of right from a juvenile court order terminating parental rights to his children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (i), and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination set forth at MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Additionally, because respondent father failed to rebut the mandatory presumption that termination is clearly in the best interests of the children, the juvenile court did not clearly err in terminating respondent father's parental rights. *In re Hamlet (After Remand)*, 225 Mich App 505, 515; ___ NW2d ___ (1997); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 471-474; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Myron H. Wahls

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Hilda R. Gage