

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of MELODY LA'SHAY SLAUGHTER,
DANIELLE SLAUGHTER-WILLIS, and DANNY
RAY SLAUGHTER-WILLIS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
September 25, 1998

v

No. 205612
Berrien Juvenile Court
LC No. 96-000045 NA

GWENDOLYN SLAUGHTER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CURTIS WILLIS and DANNY WILLIS,

Respondents.

Before: Hood, P.J., and Griffin and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Respondent-appellant's "conflict-of-interest" argument is not preserved for appellate review because it was not raised below and is not identified in the statement of questions presented. *Meagher v McNeely & Lincoln, Inc*, 212 Mich App 154, 156; 536 NW2d 851 (1995). Regardless, we conclude that MCL 712A.19a(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19a)(5), does not create any improper conflict of interest for the agency. Moreover, respondent-appellant has not shown that she was denied the

effective assistance of counsel. *People v Pickens*, 446 Mich 298, 309; 521 NW2d 797 (1994); *People v Daniel*, 207 Mich App 47, 58; 523 NW2d 830 (1994).

Next, 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), and respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not 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). Therefore, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell