

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHRISTINA GILLESPIE and
RAYMOND GILLESPIE, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEBRA GILLESPIE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RAYMOND HENRY,

Respondent.

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No. 211501

Chippewa Juvenile Court

LC No. 97-011745 NA

Before: Saad, P.J., and Hood and Gribbs, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g) (the conditions that led to the adjudication continue to exist; failure to provide proper care or custody). We affirm.

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). Petitioner demonstrated that respondent has a lengthy history of failing to properly care for and supervise her children, and of failing to internalize and apply skills taught in parenting programs. Respondent's progress in these programs has been marginal at best, and insufficient to meet the children's needs. Further, 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). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Roman S. Gribbs