

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of HEATHER RAY SMITH and
ASHLEY CERASCO SMITH, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PHILLIP CERASCO,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SUSAN BALDRIDGE and MICHAEL LYNSCOTT,

Respondents.

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No. 206189

Macomb Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-042613

Before: Young, Jr., P.J., and Wahls and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating his 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). 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; *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Moreover, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his 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). Finally, contrary to respondent-appellant's claim, petitioner made reasonable efforts to reunite the family. MCL 712A.1; MSA 27.3178(598.1); MCL 712A.19a(4); MSA 27.3178(598.19a)(4). See also *In re Springer*, 172 Mich App 466, 474-475; 432 NW2d 342 (1988) and *Tallman v Milton*, 192 Mich App 606,

614-615; 482 NW2d 187 (1992). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Robert P. Young, Jr.

/s/ Myron H. Wahls

/s/ Kathleen Jansen