

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of ERICA MAISHANA MABINS,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SEQUNNA PENNINGTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ERIC MABINS,

Respondent.

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No. 209679

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 95-331081

Before: McDonald, P.J., and Hood and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The trial 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). Further, the court did not improperly shift the burden of proof by requiring respondent-appellant to put forth evidence that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hamlet (After Remand)*, 225 Mich App 505, 522-523; 571 NW2d 750 (1997). Because respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her

parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests, the trial court did not err in terminating her parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff