

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of NICHOLAS ISAIAH PLEASANT,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHAWN PLEASANT and TRACEY MICHELLE
SWAN,

Respondents-Appellants.

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Nos. 211900;212229

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 93-307199

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Jansen and Collins, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from the family court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (i) and (j). We affirm.

The family 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, respondents failed to show that termination of their parental rights was “clearly not” in the child'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 trial court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the child.¹

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins

¹ Respondent-father has abandoned his claim that he was denied the effective assistance of counsel by failing to identify this issue in his statement of questions involved. MCR 7.212(C)(5); *City of Lansing v Hartsuff*, 213 Mich App 338, 351; 539 NW2d 781 (1995). We nevertheless note that, limiting our review to the record, respondent-father has not established any basis for relief due to ineffective assistance of counsel. *People v Pickens*, 446 Mich 298, 302-303; 521 NW2d 797 (1994); *People v Effinger*, 212 Mich App 67, 69; 536 NW2d 809 (1995).