

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of KATHERINE MARIE BENTZ,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PAULETTE F. BENTZ,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 208519

Wayne Juvenile Court

LC No. 95-332565

Before: Gage, P.J., and Gribbs and Hoekstra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the lower court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). 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). Further, respondent failed to show that termination of her 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, 473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Respondent's argument that she was denied due process by the referee's denial of her request for an independent psychological evaluation was not raised in the juvenile court and is not preserved for review. *People v Morey*, 230 Mich App 152, 163; 583 NW2d 907 (1998). In any event, it is

without merit. *In the Matter of Bell*, 138 Mich App 184; 360 NW2d 868 (1984). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child. *In re Hall-Smith, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Hilda R. Gage
/s/ Roman S. Gibbs
/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra