

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of JESSICA BAKER, JENNIFER  
BAKER, and JACQUELINE BAKER, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

NINA REBECCA FROWNER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FLOYD BAKER and FLOYD VAN WROTEN,

Respondents.

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No. 216097

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 92-302053

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Hoekstra and J. R. Cooper\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i). We affirm.

We could decline to consider respondent-appellant's argument challenging the sufficiency of the evidence in support of termination because respondent-appellant gives only cursory treatment to this claim by failing to relate her argument to the statutory criteria set forth in § 19b(3)(b)(i). See *Goolsby v Detroit*, 419 Mich 651, 655 n 1; 358 NW2d 856 (1984); *Community Nat'l Bank v Michigan Basic Property Ins Ass'n*, 159 Mich App 510, 520-521; 407 NW2d 31 (1987). In any event, we are not persuaded that the specific argument presented by respondent-appellant demonstrates a basis for

\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

holding that the referee clearly erred in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). See also *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). The thrust of respondent-appellant's argument appears to be directed at the best interests prong of the termination decision, but respondent-appellant has 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); MCR 5.974(D); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, we uphold the judge's decision to affirm the referee's recommendation. MCR 5.991(D). Petitioner's request for relief under MCR 7.215(E)(2) is denied.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper