

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

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In the Matter of A'LEAH GARDINA HERNDON,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARY LAROYCE PLAYER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CONRAD GODFREY HERNDON,

Respondent.

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Family Division  
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MARY LAROYCE PLAYER,

Respondent.

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Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Meter and T. G. Hicks\*, 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), (j) and (l); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (i), (j) and (l). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

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 family court did not err in terminating respondents' parental rights to the child. *Id.* at 472.

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Timothy G. Hicks

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