

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of LORRETTA L. DEAN, RICHARD
C. DEAN, ANDRE C. DEAN, STEPHANIE R.
DEAN, PATRICIA K. DEAN, and CHRISTINA M.
LAWHORN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROBIN LARAN DEAN, a/k/a ROBIN LARAN
LAWHORN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RICHARD CORDIE DEAN,

Respondent.

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No. 218443

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-348453

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Kelly and Whitbeck, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(ii), (c)(i), (g), 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). Although respondent-appellant attempted to comply with the parent-agency agreement, her continued intimate relationship with respondent demonstrated that the children would be at risk of harm if returned to her. Furthermore, respondent-appellant failed to present evidence that

termination was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Boursaw*, 239 Mich App 161, 179-180; 607 NW2d 408 (1999). Thus, the family court did not clearly err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ William C. Whitbeck