

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of MICHAEL BALLARD and JUSTIN
BALLARD, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHERI BALLARD,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 224165

St. Clair Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-000096

Before: Jansen, P. J., and Hood and Saad, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (c)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCL 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant 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); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Henry William Saad