

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

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In the Matter of CORINTHIAN DEE POWERS,  
MARCUS LEON POWERS, JR., and DAVID  
LEON POWERS, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHIRLEY ANN GRIFFIN, a/k/a SHIRLEY  
POWERS,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 221560

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 88-269706

Before: Hood, P.J., and Sawyer and Cavanagh, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent mother appeals from an order of the probate court terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(1), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(1), (g) and (j). We affirm.

In making a termination decision, the trial court must engage in a two-step analysis. First, it must determine if a statutory ground for termination has been established by clear and convincing evidence. Second, if a statutory ground has been established, the trial court must terminate parental rights unless it finds that termination is clearly not in the child's best interests. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

The Court has carefully reviewed the record on appeal, the opinion of the probate court, and the parties' briefs. We are not persuaded that the trial court erred in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were met and that it was in the best interests of the children to terminate the parental rights. Accordingly, we find no abuse of discretion by the trial court in terminating respondent's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Harold Hood  
/s/ David H. Sawyer  
/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh