

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TFM, CWM, SDM, TLM, VMM
and SRL, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHIFFON ELAINE MERRITT,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FLOYD WILLOUGHBY and SANFORD
LEGETTE,

Respondents.

UNPUBLISHED

November 28, 2000

No. 224846

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-365796

Before: Gribbs, P.J. and Kelly and Sawyer, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

We review for clear error both the court's decision that a ground for termination has been proven by clear and convincing evidence and, where appropriate, the court's decision regarding the child's best interest. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341; ___ NW2d ___ (2000). We find that the family court did not clearly err in finding that statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Moreover, the court did not clearly err in determining that termination of respondent-

appellant's parental rights was in the children's best interest. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo, supra*.

Affirmed.

/s/ Roman S. Gribbs

/s/ Michael J Kelly

/s/ David H. Sawyer