

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHRISTIN ERICKSEN,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
February 27, 2001

v

JENNIFER NALE,

Respondent-Appellant,

No. 223827
Macomb Circuit Court
Juvenile Division
LC No. 97-044876

and

ROBERT ERICKSEN,

Respondent.

Before: Meter, P.J., and Neff and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E). 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). Respondent-appellant contends that the statutory grounds were not proven because her efforts to comply with the parent-agency agreement were sufficient, given her mental limitations. We disagree. Petitioner offered respondent-appellant numerous services, yet respondent-appellant failed to demonstrate improvement or the likelihood of improvement within a reasonable time considering the child's age. There was no clear error. Moreover, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the

child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell