

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ALISHA MACDONALD, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JEANETTE PHILLIPS,

Respondent-Appellant.

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April 10, 2001

No. 225946

Genesee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 89-081347-NA

Before: Talbot, P.J., and Sawyer and F. L. Borchard*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii), (g), (i), (j), (l), and (m); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(ii), (g), (i), (j), (l), and (m). We affirm.

Even if the family court erred in terminating respondent's parental rights under §§ 19b(3)(i) and (l), where the evidence demonstrated that respondent had voluntarily relinquished her parental rights to her other children, the error was harmless because the family court did not clearly err in finding that the remaining 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). The minor child suffered sexual abuse at the hands of at least two of respondent's acquaintances. Respondent admitted that her drug use may have impaired her ability to protect the child. Additionally, respondent suffered from paranoia and failed to take any steps to alleviate her symptoms. Finally, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent'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's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Fred L. Borchard

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.