

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of LM, SM, AM, and AM, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

ANDRE MOORE, SR.,

Respondent-Appellant.

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No. 233192

Genesee Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-110607-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Talbot and E.R. Post\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Contrary to respondent's assertions, the trial court's findings were sufficient to satisfy the requirements of MCR 5.974(G). While it is true that the statutory grounds for termination were not stated in the trial court's statement on the record nor in the court's termination order, the trial court's statement made it clear that it was relying on the grounds stated in the termination petition, which constituted sufficient compliance with the court rule. *In re Conley*, 216 Mich App 41, 44; 549 NW2d 353 (1996); *In re Toler*, 193 Mich App 474, 476; 484 NW2d 672 (1992). While cursory, the trial court's statement was sufficient to indicate that it was aware of the issues regarding respondent's alleged neglect and was sufficient to allow an appellate court to conduct a meaningful review.

Moreover, the trial 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). The children were in foster care for more than two years, during which time respondent failed to sign or acknowledge any parent-agency agreement, failed to attend parenting classes, failed to obtain adequate housing, and failed to undergo drug screening. Respondent had not contacted the children's mother and had failed to provide for the children financially or emotionally. Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re*

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

*Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White  
/s/ Michael J. Talbot  
/s/ Edward R. Post