

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SHANE SKINNER-KNAPP and
JORDAN SKINNER-KNAPP, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PATRICIA SKINNER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

PHILLIP KNAPP,

Respondent.

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No. 235214

Kalamazoo Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-000009-NA

Before: Meter, P.J., and Markey and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Although the trial court may have erred in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), where, in a narrow sense, the evidence did not show that the specific conditions that led to adjudication continued to exist at the time of the termination hearing, any error in this regard was harmless because clear and convincing evidence supported termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights under §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j). *In re Powers*, 244 Mich App 111, 118; 624 NW2d 472 (2000). Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the court was required to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights unless the court found that termination was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The court's finding regarding the children's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *Trejo, supra*. Hence, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the

children. Lastly, we reject respondent-appellant's claim that the trial court clearly erred in finding that the children exhibited behaviors of a sexual nature well beyond their years and that the sexual abuse occurred when the children lived with respondent-appellant and their father. The evidence amply supports this finding.

We affirm.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Donald S. Owens