

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of D.B. and D..B., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DOROTHY JONES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FREDDIE BRUNER, JR.,

Respondent.

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No. 236747

Muskegon Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 97-024799-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Holbrook, Jr., and Doctoroff, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the August 8, 2001 order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding clear and convincing evidence of statutory grounds for termination under subsection 19b(3)(g). MCR 5.974(I); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1993). The evidence established that respondent-appellant had a four-year history of neglecting her parental responsibilities and leaving the children's care to their great-grandmother. The evidence also established that there was no reasonable likelihood this pattern would change within a reasonable time. Relying on MCL 712A.2(b)(1), respondent contends that her children were not without proper custody because she entrusted them to her great-grandmother. However, section 2(b)(1) does not apply here because the great-grandmother did not agree to take custody of the children when their father left them at her house, and she was at the time financially unable to provide for them. Because the evidence did not show that

termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests, the trial court did not err in terminating their parental rights. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors, supra* at 356-357.

Respondent-appellant also contends that the trial court failed to make adequate findings of fact as required by MCL 712A.19b(1) and MCR 5.974(G)(1). We disagree and conclude that the findings were sufficient.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
/s/ Martin M. Doctoroff