

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of S.M.H., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PATRICIA ANN HUSHOUR,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GERALD ALBERT BLACKLOCK,

Respondent.

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v

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Before: Neff, P.J., and Griffin and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

Respondent-mother argues that the trial court erred in terminating her parental rights because petitioner did not make reasonable efforts toward family unification. We disagree. Respondent-mother fails to indicate what additional services should have been offered to her. It is insufficient for an appellant to merely announce her position and leave it up to this Court to discover and rationalize the basis for her claims and then search for authority to sustain or reject her position. *Wilson v Taylor*, 457 Mich 232, 243; 577 NW2d 100 (1998). Moreover, the record supports the trial court's findings that reasonable efforts were made. For more than two years, respondent-mother received various referrals and assistance: petitioner referred respondent-mother to individual therapy, family therapy, parenting classes, substance abuse services, and provided her with housing assistance. Respondent-mother failed to avail herself of the assistance offered to address her substance abuse issues, improve her parenting skills, and comply with her services plan as required.

Respondent-father argues that the trial court clearly erred in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. We disagree. A review of the record reveals that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence, given respondent-father's failure to comply with his services plan, and in particular, his failure to address parenting responsibilities and his substance abuse problems, resulting in his incarceration. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989).

Affirmed.

/s/ Janet T. Neff
/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Michael J. Talbot