

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of R.B.M.M. and T.M.A.M, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TORA DENISE BYRD, a/k/a TORA DENISE
MCCOMMONS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TYLER WADE

Respondent.

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No. 237569

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 92-300064

Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Wilder and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to her children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j).¹ We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Given the evidence of respondent's continued and lengthy history of marijuana abuse, her failure to substantially comply with the agency/parent agreement and her inability to maintain suitable housing and employment, we find that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(c)(i) and (g) were both established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Because only one statutory ground is required to terminate parental rights, *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 350; 612 NW2d 407 (2000), we need not decide whether termination of respondent's parental rights was also warranted under §§ 19b(3)(j). Because respondent has failed to show that termination of her parental rights was

¹ Non-participating putative father Tyler Wade is not a party to this appeal.

clearly not in the child's best interests, MCL 712A.19b(5), the trial court did not err in terminating her parental rights to the children. *Trejo, supra*, 462 Mich 353-354.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Brian K. Zahra