

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of L.D.M., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

KAREN DENISE CHILDS,

Respondent-Appellant.

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November 8, 2002

No. 240673
Berrien Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 2001-000022-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

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

It was undisputed that respondent continued to abuse alcohol, and that respondent was homeless and could not be located at the time of trial. Clearly, respondent was unable to provide proper care or custody to the minor child, and would not be able to make the requisite changes in her life within a reasonable time given the age of the child. Furthermore, prior attempts to rehabilitate respondent were unsuccessful, and respondent's rights to two of her seven other children had been terminated. Thus, the circuit 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).

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, the circuit court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the minor child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder
/s/ Brian K. Zahra