

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of C.J.F., A.D.M., N.D.S.S., and  
P.J.N.S.M., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DAWN MARSHALL,

Respondent-Appellant.

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December 3, 2002

No. 239812  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 01-396839

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Gage and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Respondent asserts that the trial court abused its discretion in denying her counsel's oral motion to adjourn the termination trial. We disagree. A trial court's decision regarding a motion to adjourn is reviewed for an abuse of discretion. *In re Jackson*, 199 Mich App 22, 28; 501 NW2d 182 (1993). Here, respondent's counsel failed to show good cause for the adjournment. MCR 5.923(G)(2). As the trial court noted, had respondent appeared at the pretrial hearing or the first scheduled day of trial, she could have assisted her counsel in preparing for trial. It was not in the best interests of the children to further delay the proceeding to provide respondent with an opportunity to demonstrate her last-ditch efforts to obtain new housing and attend counseling. Under the circumstances, even had an adjournment been granted, the outcome of the trial would not have been different.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin  
/s/ Hilda R. Gage  
/s/ Patrick M. Meter