

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of D.M.H. and D.D.H., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

AMANDA DAWN JOHNSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JEREMY DALE PIPER,

Respondent.

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April 1, 2003

No. 243665

Grand Traverse Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-000147-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the order of the trial court terminating her parental rights to her minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(c)(i), (c)(ii), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not 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). The children, then ages two years and eleven months, were removed from respondent-appellant's care after she left them alone for several hours without supervision or food. Though respondent-appellant did participate in some services, the evidence demonstrated that it was unlikely that she would ever be able to provide the children with adequate housing or parenting. In sum, there was no evidence to suggest that respondent-appellant was any more able to care for the children at the time of termination than she was at the time that the children were removed from the home.

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

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Hilda R. Gage