

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of AUSTIN MICHAEL TAYLOR
and PATIENCE MARIE TAYLOR, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

V

JONATHAN D. TAYLOR,

Respondent-Appellant.

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January 8, 2004

No. 250131

Grand Traverse Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-000313-NA

Before: Donofrio, P.J., and Griffin and Jansen, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (j) and (l). Family Independence Agency services commenced in 2000, an earlier petition resulted in the termination of respondent's parental rights of another child, numerous services were provided because of unsanitary and unsafe home conditions as well as counseling for parenting skills that went uncompleted and unused, and the children suffered physical, emotional, psychological, and educational development/ retardation as a result of environmental factors. Because there is no reasonable expectation that respondent will be able to provide proper care and custody within a reasonable period of time considering the respective ages of the children, we affirm. The trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination had been proven by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent, who had been provided with numerous services to improve his child care and housekeeping skills, continued to neglect both to the extent that the home was filthy, odoriferous, and fly-infested, and both children were developmentally delayed. Further, the trial court's finding regarding the children's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Kathleen Jansen