

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHELSEA KAY MARIE
FERENCE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

RANDY VANBLARICUM,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RENEE FERENCE,

Respondent.

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No. 247772

Livingston Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-300036-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Neff and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The expert testimony clearly and convincingly established that respondent-appellant suffers from intermittent explosive disorder, depression, and mild mental retardation and that there is considerable risk that he will react with the same explosive anger to the frustration of raising a young child that he has displayed in reaction to other stressful experiences. The record further established that although respondent-appellant is well-motivated and wants the best for his child, his parenting skills are “virtually non-existent,” and he is unlikely to respond to services aimed at improving his parenting skills due to his low IQ and traumatic brain injuries.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant’s parental rights was clearly not in the child’s best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich

341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Helene N. White