

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TA'JANEE ARMANILOVE
BROWN, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KIERSTEN LYNN STEVENSON,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

June 3, 2004

No. 251384

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-368280

Before: Markey, P.J., and Wilder and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Respondent had her parental rights to two older children terminated for serious neglect, including desertion and substance abuse. Respondent's abuse of marijuana continued throughout this case until a short time before the termination hearing. It is impossible to determine if respondent stopped using marijuana then, as she asserted, because she ceased submitting drug screens. Respondent's housing situation was unstable throughout this case. Given this evidence, as well as her sporadic compliance with counseling and NA attendance, we do not believe the trial court erred in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(G); *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, particularly considering respondent's continued substance abuse. 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's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Markey
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder
/s/ Patrick M. Meter