

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JUSTIN DAVO'N REESE,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SIMONE RENEE REESE,

Respondent-Appellant.

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June 22, 2004

No. 252270

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-401464

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Gage and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The child came into care primarily because respondent beat him with a belt, leaving marks on his body. Despite attending parenting classes which taught nonabusive forms of child discipline, respondent testified that she felt whippings were still an acceptable form of discipline. Further, the trial court's finding regarding the child'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/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Hilda R. Gage

/s/ Donald S. Owens