

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHRISTIAN REEME and
ELIZABETH HORTON, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TINA REEME,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ROBERT GEYER and JERRY HORTON,

Respondents.

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No. 254081
Genesee Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 01-113674-NA

Before: Donofrio, P.J., and White and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The trial court did not clearly err in finding the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent-appellant had been offered and completed all the appropriate services, yet, despite her efforts, she remained unable to adequately parent her children. Although respondent-appellant has the capacity to develop appropriate parenting skills in the future, the overwhelming evidence indicated she would not be able to do so within a reasonable time given the children's ages and the length of time they had been out of the home.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was no bond between the children and respondent-appellant and both children were doing well in their long-term placements. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio
/s/ Helene N. White
/s/ Michael J. Talbot