

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JASON LEE LITTLE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

STEVEN ALLEN LITTLE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LISA LITTLE,

Respondent.

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No. 203451

Clare Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-000095 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Markman and Whitbeck, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Steven Allen Little appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Contrary to respondent's claim, the record reveals that he was provided with a fair opportunity to demonstrate that he was an able parent. Cf. *In re Newman*, 189 Mich App 61; 472 NW2d 38 (1991). Moreover, the experts' opinions regarding respondent's ability to care for the minor child were not speculative. Cf. *In re Hulbert*, 186 Mich App 600; 465 NW2d 36 (1990).

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Stephen J. Markman

/s/ William C. Whitbeck