

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SHAMEKQUA MCKINNEY,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SIDNEY MCKINNEY,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FELISA ALLEN,

Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED

April 14, 1998

No. 204204

Calhoun Juvenile Court

LC No. N0001747

Before: Michael J. Kelly, P.J., and Fitzgerald and M.G. Harrison*, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed application granted from the juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (h), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (h), (i) and (j). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant first challenges the statutory grounds cited by the juvenile court to support termination of his parental rights. We hold that the juvenile court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights under the statutory grounds cited. There was clear and convincing evidence offered on each of the grounds. *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); MCR 5.974(I).

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Respondent-appellant further argues that the juvenile court should not have terminated his rights to the minor child because he offered a relative that was willing to care for the child. While the juvenile court could have placed the child with a relative to avoid termination of respondent-appellant's rights, it was not required to do so. *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 52; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). The court found that termination of respondent-appellant's rights was in the child's best interests and this finding was not clearly erroneous even though the relative was willing to care for the child. The evidence did not show that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 471-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Respondent-appellant next argues that the juvenile court abused its discretion in deciding to terminate his parental rights. This is not the correct standard of review. A juvenile court's decision to terminate parental rights is reviewed in its entirety for clear error. *In re Hamlet*, ___ Mich App ___; ___ NW2d ___ (Docket No. 198096, issued September 26, 1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Michael G. Harrison*