

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of SUSAN WARD and ARMINA  
WARD, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ROGER WARD and BEATRICE WARD,

Respondent-Appellants.

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No. 214137

Jackson Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 98-086423

Before: Kelly, P.J., and Neff and Smolenski, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents-appellants appeal as of right from the family court order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g), (i) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly 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). Respondents do not contend that termination of their parental rights was “clearly not” in the children’s best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondents-appellants’ parental rights to the children. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski