

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

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In the Matter of CLEOPHUS HALMON, III,  
BRIANA CHANEL HALMON and  
SECHEA CONANA HALMON, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner - Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED  
August 11, 2000

v

FREDRICKA REGINA BANKS, a/k/a  
FREDERICKA REGINA BANKS,

No. 221512  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 96-346039

Respondent - Appellant,

and

CLEO HALMON,

Respondent.

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Before: Murphy, P.J., and Kelly and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals by delayed leave granted from a family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant does not challenge the family court's findings regarding the statutory grounds for termination. Instead, she argues that it was clear error for the court to terminate her parental rights based upon the best interests of the children. We disagree. Although respondent-appellant presented some testimony on this issue, the testimony did not support a finding that termination of her parental rights was "clearly not" in the children's best interests. Pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5) termination of parental rights was required unless the court found that

termination was clearly not in the children's best interest. *In re Trejo*, \_\_\_ Mich \_\_\_; \_\_\_ NW2d \_\_\_ (No. 112528, issued 7/5/2000), slip op p 27. On this record, we do not conclude that the court's finding was clearly erroneous or that termination was clearly not in the children's best interest. Accordingly, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental right to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ Michael J. Talbot