

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

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In the Matter of C.M.S. and K.M.S., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ELIDA MILES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ELISEO SORIANO,

Respondent.

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No. 239202

Allegan Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-028549-NA

Before: Murphy, P.J., and Sawyer and R. J. Danhof\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

There was evidence presented indicating that the minor children had been sexually abused by respondent father and that respondent mother was aware of the abuse, but yet failed to properly respond to the situation. Respondent mother exhibited a reluctance to accept the claims of sexual abuse and the need to safeguard her children. Moreover, respondent mother continued to have contact with respondent father.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did

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

not show that termination of respondent mother'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). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent mother's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Robert J. Danhof