

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

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

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CLARINDA LANE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RANDALL SCOTT MARTIN,

Respondent.

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May 22, 2003

No. 245048

Branch Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-002035-NA

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and White and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(ii) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial 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). While respondent had made some progress, the evidence showed that despite services designed to correct the problem, the children were not attached or bonded to respondent-appellant and respondent-appellant was unable to bond with the children. In addition, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that respondent-appellant had not resolved her alcoholism. In making this finding, we are mindful of the trial court's superior ability to assess the credibility of the witnesses. MCR 2.613(C); *In re Miller, supra* at 337.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant'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).

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio