

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of MORGAN LOWE, STEPHANIE
LOWE, NICHOLAS LOWE, and BRANDON
LOWE, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JEFFREY LOWE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SUSAN BISKNER,

Respondent.

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Family Division
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Respondent.

Before: Bandstra, P.J., and Hoekstra and Borrello, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents appeal as of right the trial court's order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g).¹ 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 ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 351, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours Minors*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). The evidence clearly and convincingly showed that both respondents failed to make any progress toward reunification during the fifteen months that the children were in foster care. Both respondents failed to address their drug addiction and both engaged in criminal activity that led to their repeated incarceration. The trial court did not clearly err in determining that termination was warranted under § 19b(3)(g). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondents' parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra*. Thus, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Stephen L. Borrello

¹ Although respondents identify several other statutory grounds, the record indicates that the court relied only on § 19b(3)(g) as a basis for termination.