

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of KHANEJAH MIRACLE  
DAY'ZLA YOUNG, WHITNEY JOANNA JEAN  
DANCY, and WINTER MYRIANNA RENEE'  
DANCY, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED  
December 11, 2003

v

ELMIRA JEAN YOUNG,

Respondent-Appellant,

No. 247304  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 00-386717

and

WALTER EUGENE DANCY and LARRY J.  
SHANNON.

Respondents.

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Before: Saad, P.J., and Markey and Meter, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Elmira Jean Young appeals from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to her minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Respondent argues that the trial court clearly erred in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. We disagree. We review the trial court's findings of fact for clear error. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 351; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). The evidence clearly and convincingly showed that, after nearly three years, respondent had not been able to establish stable housing and, as a result, was not able to properly care for the children. Although respondent loved her children, she was not yet able to adequately care for herself, even without the complications of a family. "If a parent cannot or will not meet her irreducible minimum parental responsibilities, the needs of the child must prevail over the needs of the parent." *In re Terry*, 240 Mich App 14, 28; 610 NW2d 563 (2000) (citations omitted). The trial court did not

err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was warranted under §§ 19b(3)(c)(i) and (g).

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra* at 356-357. The oldest child has been in foster care for most of her life, and the younger children had never lived with respondent. The trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Patrick M. Meter