

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CHELSEY ST. JEAN,
CATHERINE ST. JEAN, and JENNA L. SNOW,
MINORS.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JANICE ST. JEAN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GREGORY LANE SNOW and HAROLD S. ST.
JEAN,

Respondents.

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April 7, 2005

No. 257361

Oakland Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 02-669286-NA

Before: Kelly, P.J., and Sawyer and Wilder, 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)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This appeal 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 for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). This case arose after respondent-appellant asked the police to remove her youngest child. Respondent-appellant claimed that the child was demon possessed and had tried to kill her. Respondent-appellant had locked the child in a closet over night. Respondent-appellant was convicted of second-degree child abuse for the treatment of this child. Respondent-appellant's two other children were removed from her custody because of the potential for abuse. Respondent-appellant was provided services to aid in the reunification of her family. However, the evidence established that she continued to maintain that she had acted appropriately, failed to make progress in developing appropriate parenting skills, and failed to provide for the proper care of her children.

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). Although respondent-appellant complied with some aspects of the parent agency agreement, she failed to make progress in developing appropriate parenting skills. Therefore, she presented a danger for continued abuse, when her children needed stability and nurture. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder