

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of DEVANTE TAYLOR and
DARYIEN JONES, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

HEATHER THORSTENSON,

Respondent-Appellant.

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May 2, 2006

No. 265829

Muskegon Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 04-033261-NA

Before: White, P.J., and Fitzgerald and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that § 19b(3)(c)(i) was established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The children came into care primarily due to respondent's drug abuse problem. Respondent made little effort to treat her addiction and continued to use drugs up until a month before the termination hearing. Because the evidence was clearly sufficient to warrant termination under § 19b(3)(c)(i), it is unnecessary to address the sufficiency of the evidence supporting termination under §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j). *In re Powers*, 244 Mich App 111, 118; 624 NW2d 472 (2000).

Further, the evidence, on the whole record, did not clearly show that termination was clearly not in the children's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). The trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *In re Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Michael J. Talbot