

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of TRAYCE WILLIAM WHITE,  
TAYLIN KAY NICHOLE WHITE, and STORMY  
DAYZ, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BLANE WILLIAM WHITE, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant.

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November 9, 2006

No. 270698  
Eaton Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 05-015662-NA

Before: Fort Hood, P.J., and Murray and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). 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). 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 Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

During this case, respondent failed to make any attempts to regain custody of his children. Respondent chose to disregard the requirements of the parent/agency agreement and to cut off contact with the foster care worker. Respondent was not able to have supervised visitation with his children because he refused to submit any drug screens as ordered by the trial court. At the time of the termination hearing, respondent had been in prison for five months and expected to be in prison for another 11 months. Because respondent failed to address any issues of domestic violence or substance abuse before his incarceration, the foster care worker thought that he might need six to nine months after his release to regain custody of his children if he substantially complied with the parent/agency agreement. Considering that respondent had previously shown no inclination toward participation or cooperation, the trial court properly concluded that the children should not have to wait another two years for a stable home life and properly terminated respondent's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Karen Fort Hood

/s/ Christopher M. Murray

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio