

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of NATHANIEL JERMAINE
MOSBY and TERMAINE JERRICE MOSBY,
Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED
February 1, 2007

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARIDA RENEE LITTLE, a/k/a MARIDA
REENE LITTLE,

No. 270263
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 03-426158-NA

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JERRY MOSBY,

Respondent.

Before: Borrello, P.J., and Jansen and Cooper, 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)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant does not challenge the trial court's finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence, but argues that the trial court erred in its best interests determination. We disagree.

The trial court did not clearly err in determining that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354-355; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The evidence clearly showed that, over a two and a half year period, respondent-appellant was able to maintain a drug-free lifestyle only while in a very structured inpatient program. She did not secure housing or employment at any point during the two and a half year period. Two key elements of the children's best interests, stability and security, are clearly served by termination on these facts.

Respondent-appellant also argues that the guardian ad litem ignored the wishes of the children in violation of MCR 3.915(B)(2)(a) and MCL 712A.17d(1)(i). We find that respondent-appellant lacks standing to raise this issue. What the guardian ad litem did or failed to do with respect to the children's wishes relates solely to the interests of the children; the parents have no real interest, in either an individual or representative capacity, as to this issue, and therefore lack standing. See *In re Foster*, 226 Mich App 348, 358; 573 NW2d 324 (1997).

Affirmed.

/s/ Stephen L. Borrello

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper