

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

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In the Matter of QAWNETTE LEEANGELA RICE,  
QAWNICIA LEEANN RICE, and QUANTIN  
LEEANDREW RICE, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ALICIA ANN RICE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JOHN THOMAS and GERALD ALEXANDER,

Respondents.

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No. 226182  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 98-372651

Before: Bandstra, C.J., and Fitzgerald and D. B. Lieber,\* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The record shows that respondent-appellant has been unable to overcome her long term substance abuse problem. Further, it shows a history of abandonment and/or neglect of the children when they were in her care.

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\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

The court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989).

The evidence did not establish that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

We affirm.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra  
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald  
/s/ Dennis B. Leiber