

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of JARVIS AHAMAN LEWIS,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEBORA ANN GOULD,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED
September 14, 2004

No. 252787
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 91-294566

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parent rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (i), and (l). Because the trial court did not clearly err in finding clear and convincing evidence for termination of parental rights, and termination was not clearly contrary to the child's best interests, we affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(A) and (E)(1)(b).

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). Respondent's parental rights to five older children had been terminated because of neglect. Respondent also failed to obtain adequate prenatal care before Jarvis' birth, her home was not suitable for the medically fragile child, and she had difficulty maintaining the home financially. She also did not display an understanding of the seriousness of Jarvis' medical condition or his medical needs.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*; 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). In addition to her failure to appreciate Jarvis' health issues, respondent visited the child only four times in the first five months of his life, and had not seen him in the

six months prior to the trial. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio
/s/ Helene N. White
/s/ Michael J. Talbot