

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of LEADER, Minors.

No. 300101  
Shiawassee Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 08-012261-NA

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Before: METER, P.J., and SAAD and WILDER, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

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

Respondent contends that the trial court clearly erred in finding that clear and convincing evidence supported termination under the statutory provisions. See *In re McIntyre*, 192 Mich App 47, 50; 480 NW2d 293 (1991). We disagree. When the children were removed from her care in June 2008, respondent was without appropriate housing, was failing to supervise the children adequately, and was involved in substance abuse and an abusive relationship. Petitioner provided numerous services over a lengthy period, but respondent did not avail herself of many of those services until shortly before termination. For most of the two years after the children were removed from her care, respondent did not adequately address her housing problems or her chaotic lifestyle involving substance abuse and domestic violence. She failed to rectify the conditions that led to the adjudication. Although shortly before termination respondent did obtain employment and housing, she nonetheless failed to demonstrate that she could provide proper care and custody for the children within a reasonable period. She continued with her involvement with marijuana and violent partners during the course of the proceedings. She was separated from those partners only by their incarceration, and as late as September 2009, she was caught possessing and delivering marijuana. This led to an April 2010 conviction. Given respondent's history of inadequate care for the children and the inadequate progress she made in addressing her problems, nothing in the record supports that a reasonable expectation existed that respondent could provide proper care and custody for the children within a reasonable time.

Respondent also claims that petitioner did not exert enough effort to reunify the family. Contrary to this assertion, petitioner devoted extensive resources to the family, including services through Families First, a psychological evaluation, drug testing, individual and group counseling, and parenting classes.

In light of the record, it cannot be said that the trial court clearly erred in determining that clear and convincing evidence supported termination under subsections (3)(c)(i) and (g). We also find no error in the trial court's finding that termination was in the best interests of the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter  
/s/ Henry William Saad  
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder