

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of TANAE LYNETTE KING,
JENERICO L. DAVIS, TWYLA J. DAVIS, JUSTIN
L. DAVIS, TIARRA G. DAVIS,
TANJA G. DAVIS, a/k/a TANJA L. DAVIS,
and JAYLEN L. DAVIS, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LINDA GAIL DAVIS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JIMMIE LEE KING,

Respondent.

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February 16, 1999

No. 210969
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 94-320839

Before: Murphy, P.J., and MacKenzie and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant (hereafter “respondent”) appeals as of right from the family court orders terminating her parental rights to the minor child, Tanae, under MCL 712A.19b(3)(i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(i), and terminating her parental rights to the remaining minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

Respondent does not challenge the lower court’s findings regarding the statutory grounds for termination. Rather, her sole argument on appeal is that “there [wa]s not clear and convincing evidence that termination of parental rights was in the best interests of the child[ren].” Once a ground for

termination has been established by clear and convincing evidence, MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5) requires a respondent to put forth evidence that termination is clearly not in the children's best interests. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Absent any evidence addressing this issue, termination of parental rights is mandatory. *Id.* We find that respondent failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Barbara B. MacKenzie

/s/ Michael J. Talbot