

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CORNESSA WILLIAMS, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHANEKA WASHINGTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LECOY WILLIAMS,

Respondent.

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March 27, 2001

No. 229969

Berrien Circuit Court

Juvenile Division

LC No. 00-000132-NA

Before: Markey, P.J., and Jansen and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant, Shaneka Washington, appeals as of right from an order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j). We affirm.

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 455 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence indicated that during the adjudication, fourteen-year-old respondent-appellant made threats of physical violence against the child and others. Respondent-appellant has a history of drug use and criminal behavior and did not cooperate with many services that were offered. While it appears that respondent-appellant's recent behavior at a treatment facility has been acceptable, testimony suggested she would not be ready for release from that facility for at least fourteen months and would require years to resolve her own significant psychological problems. These circumstances suggest that respondent-appellant would be unable to provide proper care for the child within a reasonable time and the child would be harmed if returned to respondent-appellant's custody. Furthermore, there is not clear

evidence, on the whole record, that termination was not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Accordingly, the juvenile court did not clearly err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Markey
/s/ Kathleen Jansen
/s/ Brian K. Zahra