

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of K.M.K.M., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHRISTOPHER J. MCPHERSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JAMIE LEIGH PARCHER MAJSZAK,

Respondent.

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v

JAMIE LEIGH PARCHER MAJSZAK,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER J. MCPHERSON,

Respondent.

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Neff and Gage, JJ.

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MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent McPherson appeals by delayed leave granted the circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), (j), and (m). Respondent Majszak appeals as of right from the circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The circuit court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination of both respondents' parental rights were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent McPherson previously voluntarily released his rights to another minor child. Additionally, at the time of the termination hearing, McPherson failed to maintain housing, employment, or attend counseling sessions required by the parent-agency agreement. Respondent Majszak did not attend counseling sessions, did not secure full-time employment, and refused treatment for her depression. Furthermore, she failed to find permanent housing where the evidence showed she was about to be evicted. Thus, the circuit court did not err in finding that statutory grounds for termination of both respondents' parental rights to the child had been established.

Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of either respondents' 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). The child was just under one year of age at the termination hearings and had been in foster care for ten months. Respondent McPherson failed to demonstrate that he was capable of providing a safe, suitable environment for the child and slept through several visits because he was living in a car and needed sleep. Respondent Majszak frequently needed assistance to pacify the child during visits and gave the child inappropriate foods despite being instructed not to do so. There was no evidence that the child had bonded with her mother. Therefore, the circuit court did not err in terminating both respondents' parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Hilda R. Gage