

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of D.J.M., M.D.T., L.D.B., and  
C.P.C.D., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MAURICE TATE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

IRVIN BURT and BRIAN DAVIS,

Respondents.

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May 22, 2003

No. 240912

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-391223

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and White and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child M.D.T. under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller* 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent-appellant failed to substantially comply with his parent/agency agreement. He did not complete parenting classes. He failed to demonstrate that he had adequate housing for the child. Further, he only visited the child four out of a possible twenty-eight times.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant'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). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio