

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RONALD QUINCE BARNETT,
ERICA ANN BUSSLER, KALISA ELEXIS
MARIEE BUSSLER, and BRIDGET HOPE KEY,
Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED
July 19, 2007

v

LAURA ANN PHILLIPS, f/k/a LAURA ANN
BARNETT, f/k/a LAURA ANN BUSSLER,

No. 275855
Cass Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 05-000217-NA

Respondent-Appellant.

Before: White, P.J., and Zahra and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were proven by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The evidence showed that respondent was a drug addict with a history of involvement with abusive partners. She failed to make substantial progress with her treatment plan during the first ten months the children were in alternate placement. Although she made some progress when faced with the prospect of termination, she was unable to maintain stable employment or stable housing, and the evidence showed that it would take another nine months to two years to determine if she could provide proper care and custody. The evidence also showed that the children had suffered such severe trauma while in respondent's custody that they needed permanency, stability, and safety as soon as possible.

Affirmed.

/s/ Helene N. White
/s/ Brian K. Zahra
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood