

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of C.E., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

WILLIAM ECKLES and DONNA DITTMAR,

Respondents-Appellants.

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April 10, 2003

No. 244051

Otsego Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-000046-NA

Before: Jansen, P.J., and Kelly and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondents-appellants appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

There was clear and convincing evidence that respondents-appellants failed to comply with key components of the parent/agency agreements, particularly with regard to housing, employment, and developing parenting skills. It was lack of appropriate housing and inappropriate parenting that led to the adjudication, and these conditions had not been rectified at the time of termination and there was no reasonable likelihood that they would be rectified within a reasonable time given C.E.'s young age. Thus, 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).

Further, the trial court did not clearly err in failing to make a specific finding of the child's best interests, as MCL 712A.19b(5) does not require the court to do so. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 352-354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondents-appellants' parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood