

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of DESHAWN WILLIAMS, Minor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARIAH WILLIAMS,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

October 25, 2005

No. 261806

Berrien Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 2004-000041-NA

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In the Matter of ZARIA WILLIAMS, Minor.

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v

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Before: Gage, P.J., and Hoekstra, and Murray, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

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

The trial court did not commit reversible error in finding that the statutory grounds for termination of parental rights were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re JK*, 468 Mich 202, 209-210; 661 NW2d 216 (2003). Respondent's parental rights to an older child, Darius, were terminated in January 2003. Respondent then left the state to give

birth to Zaria, fearing that this child would be taken as well. However, Zaria was located in December 2003 and placed in foster care, and respondent commenced work on a parent-agency agreement, which required improvement in parenting skills, emotional stability, housing, and employment. Respondent was provided services, including parenting classes and counseling. However, her compliance and attendance at counseling and visitations was sporadic, and she displayed poor parenting skills. For instance, she handled baby Deshawn roughly after he suffered seizures, called the children names, and watched videos instead of interacting with the children. A parent's failure to comply with a parent-agency agreement is evidence of failure to provide proper care and custody. *Id.* at 214. Here, respondent failed to comply and benefit sufficiently and was ill equipped and insufficiently motivated to properly address Deshawn's special needs. The trial court did not clearly err in finding sufficient evidence to terminate her parental rights under subsections (c)(i), (g), (i), (j), and (l).

Further, the evidence did not show termination of respondent's parental rights to be clearly contrary to the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 353; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was no evidence of a strong bond between respondent and the minor children. The children need a loving, safe, stable home, which respondent cannot provide. We find no clear error in the trial court's determination on the best interests issue.

Affirmed.

/s/ Hilda R. Gage  
/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra  
/s/ Christopher M. Murray