

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of CHRISTINA ANN FORMAN and  
CRAIG BERNARD ALLEN FORMAN, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

BARBARA NORTH,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

MELVIN OSTRAM,

Respondent.

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No. 273313

Clinton Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 05-017794-NA

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

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b), (c)(i), (g), and (j). This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E). We affirm.

In light of respondent's failure to benefit from the services provided in Arizona and in Michigan, her unstable emotional health, and her inability to properly care for herself physically and economically, as well as evidence that both children had been physically abused while in her care, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one of the statutory bases for termination of her parental rights had been established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989).

Moreover, contrary to respondent's assertion on appeal, the children did not express a desire to return to her home. To the contrary, both teenaged children had adjusted well to foster care and wished to remain in their foster homes. The trial court did not err in finding that termination was not contrary to the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter  
/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly  
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood