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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 9-574 / 89-1002

IN THE INTEREST OF J.J.K., A Minor Child,

A.K., Mother,

Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Dubuque County, Charles H. Jacobs, Juvenile Referee.

Appellant mother of a child appeals the termination of her parental rights. **AFFIRMED.**

Paula M. Stenlund of Naughton, Stenlund & Reilly, Dubuque, for appellant mother.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, Gordon E. Allen, Deputy Attorney General, and Katherine S. Miller-Todd, Assistant Attorney General, for appellee State.

Heard by Oxberger, C.J., and Donielson and Sackett, JJ.

PER CURIAM

In this appeal from an order terminating parental rights, the sole issue before us is whether there is clear and convincing evidence a male child born August 14, 1987, cannot be returned to his mother. The child's father has not appealed. We find there is and affirm the decree ordering termination.

The child was determined to be a child in need of assistance and was removed from the parental home on October 5, 1987. A petition for termination of parental rights was filed on February 17, 1989. Between the time of removal and the filing of the petition for termination, the mother showed little or no stability. She lived in seven different residences. She has been unable to handle steady employment. She failed to follow prescribed medical treatment, having been diagnosed manic-depressive. She failed to utilize existing services. She exhibited lack of interest in the child during visitation sessions. The evidence at hearing indicates she would not be able to adequately care for and supervise the child.

Our review is de novo. In re Dameron, 306 N.W.2d 743, 745 (Iowa 1981).

The parental relationship can be terminated if a child has been found to be a child in need of assistance, has been out of the home for twelve of the last eighteen months, and there is clear and convincing evidence the child will suffer

harm if returned to his or her parents. Iowa Code § 232.116(5) (1987); see also In re K.L.C., 372 N.W.2d 223, 227 (Iowa 1985). We find the State has met its burden. We affirm.

AFFIRMED.