IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 6-751 / 96-1149

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IN THE INTEREST OF E.R.K., III., A.S.K., L.J.K., and R.M.K., Minor Children,

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V.K., Mother,

Appellant.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Constance Cohen, Judge.

Mother appeals the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights. **AFFIRMED.**

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George Arvidson, guardian ad litem for minor children.

Considered by Habhab, C.J., and Streit and Vogel, JJ. Sackett, J., takes no part.

VOGEL, J.

Victoria and Edgar K. are the biological parents of E.R.K. III., born June 22, 1983, R.M.K., born January 24, 1986, L.J.K., born February 14, 1988, and A.S.K., born April 24, 1990. On May 13, 1996, the juvenile court terminated both parents' parental rights, Edgar's by consent and Victoria's pursuant to Iowa Code sections 232.116(1)(b), (c), (d), and (h) (1995). Victoria appeals.

Scope of review. Our review of termination proceedings is de novo. *In re W.G.*, 349 N.W.2d 487, 491 (Iowa 1984) *cert. denied sub nom. J.G. Tauke*, 469 U.S. 1222 (1985). We give weight to the findings of fact of the juvenile court, especially when considering the credibility of the witnesses, but we are not bound by those determinations. *Id.* at 491-92.

Termination. I. Victoria argues that the evidence does not support a finding that she abandoned or deserted the children pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.116(1)(b) (1995). While the juvenile court terminated Victoria's parental rights on more than one statutory ground, we only need to find grounds to terminate parental rights under one of the sections cited by the juvenile court in order to affirm its ruling. *In re R.R.K.*, 544 N.W.2d 274, 276 (Iowa App. 1995). Therefore, because Victoria only appealed the termination under one code section, she waives any appeal of the trial court's order of termination under the other three code sections. Our appellate rules of procedure require each issue to be stated, argued, and have supporting authority or the issue may be deemed waived. Iowa R. App. P. 14(a)(3).

Accordingly, we affirm the trial court's order of termination under Iowa Code section 232.116(1)(c), (d), and (h), without the need to address the termination under Iowa Code section 232.116(1)(b).

II. Iowa Code section 232.116(3)(c) (1995) provides that the juvenile court need not terminate parental rights if it finds "clear and convincing evidence that the termination would be detrimental to the child at the time due to the closeness of the parent-child relationship." Victoria argues the juvenile court erred in terminating her parental rights to R.M.K. because they have a close relationship and termination would be detrimental to R.M.K. We disagree. Although there is some testimony from R.M.K's therapist regarding the possible detrimental effect of termination on R.M.K., the weight of the evidence is to the contrary. Furthermore, the evidence does not reveal there is a strong parent-child relationship. Victoria does not raise this issue with respect to the other children. We affirm the order of termination.

AFFIRMED.