IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

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IN THE INTERESTS OF D.W. AND M.W., Children;

R.W., Natural Mother,

Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Muscatine County (No. 2298) - James A. Weaver, Judge.

The mother of two minor children appeals from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights. **AFFIRMED.**

Julie A. Abell and Jeannette M. Keller for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General; Gordon E. Allen, Special Assistant Attorney General, Valencia Voyd McCown, Assistant Attorney General; Bruce Ingham, Assistant County Attorney, for appellee.

Considered by Schlegel, P.J., and Hayden, and Sackett, JJ.

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The mother of D.W. and M.W. appeals from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights. The issue is whether there is clear and convincing evidence supporting termination of her parental rights.

Termination was sought pursuant to Iowa Code §232.116(5) (1985). Review of proceedings to terminate a parent-child relationship is de novo. Iowa R. App. P. 4; In re Interest of K.L.C., 372 N.W.2d 223, 227 (Iowa 1985). Central to the determination is the best interest of the children. In re Interest of Dameron, 306 N.W.2d 743, 745 (Iowa 1981). Under §232.116(5), the court may order termination if it finds the child has been adjudicated in need of assistance, the child's custody has been transferred from the parents for 12 months, and the child will suffer harm in the manner specified in Iowa Code §232.2(5) (1985) if returned to the parents' custody.

Clear and convincing evidence supports the holding that M.W. and D.W. will suffer harm if returned to the custody of their mother. We therefore affirm the trial court.

AFFIRMED.