

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA**

No. 7-927 / 07-1553  
Filed December 28, 2007

**IN THE INTEREST OF K.C., Minor Child,**

**K.Y.S., Mother,**  
Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Joe E. Smith, Judge.

A mother appeals from the order terminating her parental rights to her infant son. **AFFIRMED.**

Edward Bull of Bull Law Office, P.C., Des Moines, for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, Kathrine S. Miller-Todd, Assistant Attorney General, John P. Sarcone, County Attorney, and Jennifer G. Galloway, Assistant County Attorney, for appellee State.

Christine Bisignano, West Des Moines, for father.

Lori Holm, Des Moines, guardian ad litem for minor child.

Considered by Sackett, C.J., Vaitheswaran and Baker, JJ.

**SACKETT, C.J.**

Krista, the mother of Kristian, appeals from the order terminating her parental rights. She contends the State did not prove the statutory grounds by clear and convincing evidence and termination is not in Kristian's best interest. We affirm.

Kristian was born in March of 2007 and tested positive for cocaine at birth. He was removed from Krista's care in early April and placed in foster care, where he has remained since. Krista's parental rights to three older children have been terminated. In June, the State petitioned to terminate parental rights under Iowa Code sections 232.116(1)(a), (d), (g), and (l) (2007). The court terminated both parents' parental rights under sections (d), (g), and (l). Only Krista's parental rights are at issue in this appeal.

Krista first contends there was not sufficient evidence to terminate her parental rights. From our review of the record, we find clear and convincing evidence supports termination of Krista's parental rights under sections 232.116(1)(g) and (l) and affirm on those grounds.

Krista also contends termination is not in Kristian's best interest. She argues she has a constitutionally-protected interest in parenting her son and she "has exhibited acceptable parenting skills" when with her son. "A child's safety and the need for a permanent home are now the primary concerns when determining a child's best interests." *In re J.E.*, 723 N.W.2d 793, 801 (Iowa 2006) (Cady, J., concurring specially) (internal citation omitted). Krista can provide neither.

**AFFIRMED.**