

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
***Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department***

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**CAF 10-00390**

PRESENT: SMITH, J.P., CARNI, SCONIERS, GREEN, AND GORSKI, JJ.

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IN THE MATTER OF VONDAJIA P.G., TONAJIA L.L.G.,  
CIERRA C.C., AND PRECIOUS G.K.

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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,  
PETITIONER-RESPONDENT;

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

SUSAN S.G., RESPONDENT-APPELLANT.

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P.G.

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L.L.G., CIERRA C.C. AND PRECIOUS G.K.

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Appeal from an order of the Family Court, Erie County (Patricia  
A. Maxwell, J.), entered February 2, 2010 in a proceeding pursuant to  
Social Services Law § 384-b. The order terminated respondent's  
parental rights.

It is hereby ORDERED that the order so appealed from is  
unanimously affirmed without costs.

Memorandum: Respondent mother appeals from an order terminating  
her parental rights with respect to four of her children. Contrary to  
the contentions of the mother and the Attorney for the Child on behalf  
of Vondajia P.G., Family Court did not abuse its discretion in  
refusing to issue a suspended judgment. The record supports the  
court's determination that a suspended judgment, i.e., "a brief grace  
period designed to prepare the parent to be reunited with the  
child[ren]" (*Matter of Michael B.*, 80 NY2d 299, 311), was not in the  
children's best interests (*see generally Matter of Shadazia W.*, 52  
AD3d 1330, *lv denied* 11 NY3d 706; *Matter of Da'Nasjeion T.*, 32 AD3d  
1242).

Entered: February 10, 2011

Patricia L. Morgan  
Clerk of the Court