



the trial court when its determinations are supported by competent and credible evidence. *Id.*

In this case, the state presented evidence of the parents' history of substance abuse and neglect of A.H. and D.H. Both parents have a history of using heroin. A.H. and D.H. were first removed from their parents' care in February 2016 and placed in temporary custody of HCJFS due to their parents' heroin use. They have been in foster care for more than 12 months of a consecutive 22-month period. Throughout the pendency of the case both parents failed to follow treatment plans, did not visit their children consistently, and did not maintain stable housing, income, or sobriety.

A.H. and D.H.'s mother was incarcerated repeatedly throughout the case and admitted to currently using heroin. Appellant claims he is no longer using heroin, but refused to appear at or produce drug screens to verify his claims, and admittedly continues to use marijuana and alcohol. Appellant claims that he secured stable housing two weeks prior to the permanent-custody trial, but failed to timely disclose the information to HCJFS for verification and investigation. Appellant also claims that the evidence demonstrates that he has stable income, but he did not provide any documentation of his income or employment, and admitted that it would be difficult to financially provide for A.H. and D.H. Appellant argues that terminating his parental rights is premature, but his claim is not borne out in the lengthy record. Finally, A.H. and D.H.'s guardian ad litem, expressing the wishes of the four- and five-year-old children, indicated that the children have been in substitute care for an extended period of time and have a strong need for permanent placement.

Upon a review of the record, we hold that the trial court properly considered the factors outlined in R.C. 2152.414(D)(1)(a)-(e) in determining that it was in A.H.'s and D.H.'s best interests to be placed in the permanent custody of HCJFS. The trial court's

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findings are supported by clear and convincing evidence, and are not against the manifest weight of the evidence. Appellant's single assignment of error is overruled.

The judgment of the trial court is affirmed.

A certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27. Costs shall be taxed under App.R. 24.

**MOCK, P.J., ZAYAS and MILLER, JJ.**

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on October 17, 2018  
per order of the court \_\_\_\_\_.  
Presiding Judge