

IN RE SHANNON S.

Submitted on Briefs May 24, 2012

Decided May 31, 2012

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and
JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of Shannon S. appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) terminating their parental rights to the child. Contrary to the mother and father's contentions, there is more than ample evidence in the record to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness, and that termination is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2) (2011); *In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 6, 916 A.2d 225; *In re Kayla M.*, 2001 ME 166, ¶ 6, 785 A.2d 330. There is also no indication that the Department of Health and Human Services failed to meet its statutory obligations pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4041(1-A)(A) (2011), and in any event, the Department's provision of services is not an element of proof in termination of parental rights matters. *See In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 16-17, 912 A.2d 572.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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