

IN RE A.S. et al.

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Decided June 3, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of A.S., A.S., C.S., and C.S. appeals from an order of the District Court (Augusta, *Stanfill, J.*), which terminated her parental rights as to these four children. She argues that there was insufficient evidence to support the court's finding that she was unable to protect her children from jeopardy and that circumstances were unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs, and that she was unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs. She further asserts that the court committed an abuse of discretion when it concluded that termination of her parental rights was in each child's best interest. Upon our review of the evidence in this case, we conclude that the fact-finder could reasonably have been persuaded that the required findings of parental unfitness were proved to be highly probable. *See In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260. Further, viewing the facts through the trial court's lens, we conclude that the trial court did not abuse its discretion when it determined that termination of the mother's parental rights as to all four children was in each child's best interest. *See In re Alivia B.*, 2010 ME 112, ¶ 12, 8 A.3d 625; *see also In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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