

IN RE K.B. JR.

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Decided March 3, 2015

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of K.B. Jr. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Goranites, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (1)(B)(2) (2013). The father argues that the Department of Health and Human Services failed to make good faith reunification efforts, thus depriving him of the opportunities that a formal rehabilitation and reunification plan would present. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4041 (2014). Contrary to the father’s contention, the Department’s efforts were not statutorily deficient in light of the father’s lack of contact or cooperation with the Department, *see id.* §§ 4041(1-A)(A)(3) (“good faith efforts” required of Department), (1-A)(B)(2) (requiring parent to “cooperate” in plan development), (1-A)(B)(4) & (7) (requiring parent to maintain contact with Department and notify it of barriers to contact), (1-A)(C)(1) (requiring development of plan only if parent willing to engage), as well as the court’s order relieving the Department of its reunification obligations, *see* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-B)(A)(1), 4041(2)(A-2)(1) (2014).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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