

IN RE K.C. et al.

Submitted on Briefs July 23, 2015

Decided July 28, 2015

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of K.C. and A.C. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (South Paris, *L. Walker, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1) (2014). The mother contends that (1) in adopting the State's proposed findings and order as its final judgment, the court failed to exercise its judicial function, and (2) there was insufficient evidence to support the court's findings and conclusions related to A.C.¹

We conclude that the court independently made specific findings of fact and referenced trial testimony as support for its findings, and that the court's findings of fact are sufficient to support its legal conclusions. *See In Re Marpheen C.*, 2002 ME 170, ¶¶ 7-8, 812 A.2d 972.

Further, there was sufficient evidence from which the court could have found by clear and convincing evidence at least one ground of parental unfitness related to A.C., and that termination of the mother's parental rights was in A.C.'s best interest.

¹ In her briefs to this Court, the mother concedes that there was sufficient evidence to support the court's judgment with respect to K.C.; she challenges the judgment only as it relates to A.C.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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