

IN RE ADAM P. et al.

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Decided October 27, 2016

Panel: ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HJELM, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Adam P., Celestyne P., and Gabriel P. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *E. Walker, J.*) terminating his parental rights as to all three children. The evidence in the record indicated that the child protection proceedings had been pending for approximately three years. During this time, the father had failed to adequately address anger management issues, had failed to attend visits or engage with services offered by the Department of Health and Human Services, and had failed to create or demonstrate that he could provide a sanitary and safe family home for his children.

Contrary to the father's contention, there is sufficient 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 best interest of the children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015); *In re G.T.*, 2016 ME 2, ¶ 10, 130 A.3d 389. The court did not abuse its discretion by determining that termination of the father's parental rights is in the best interest of the children. *See In re J.V.*, 2015 ME 163, ¶ 13, 129 A.3d 958.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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