

IN RE CHILDREN OF JONI S.

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Decided April 29, 2021

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Joni S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Skowhegan, *Nale, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her three children. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not err in finding that, despite her participation in some services, she was unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(ii) (2021); *In re James C.*, 2018 ME 9, ¶ 4, 177 A.3d 1279. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that, notwithstanding the children's bond with the mother, the termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interests of the children to ensure that their medical and developmental needs, and their need for permanency, are met. *See In re James C.*, 2018 ME 9, ¶ 5, 177 A.3d 1279; *In re Child of Everett S.*, 2018 ME 93, ¶¶ 2, 7, 189 A.3d 240; *see also* 22 M.R.S. § 4003(4) (2021). We therefore affirm the judgment. We also remand for the correction of a clerical error that is apparent in the docket entries.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed. Remanded for the court to correct the docket entries to indicate that the parents'—not the Department's—parental rights have been terminated.

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