

IN RE CHILDREN OF JENNIFER A.

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Decided September 30, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents appeal from a judgment entered by the District Court (Waterville, *Rushlau, J.*) terminating their parental rights as to their respective children.<sup>1</sup> Contrary to each of the parents' contentions, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the court's finding of parental unfitness for each parent by clear and convincing evidence and its determination was in the children's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii), (iv) (2021); *In re Child of Vanessa G.*, 2019 ME 178, ¶¶ 9-10, 222 A.3d 1059; *In re Hope H.*, 2017 ME 198, ¶ 10, 170 A.3d 813; *In re I.S.*, 2015 ME 100, ¶¶ 8, 11, 121 A.3d 105. Further, the court did not abuse its discretion in its ultimate conclusion that the termination of the parents' rights was in the children's best interest. *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> The judgment was issued after a consolidated hearing on two related docket numbers. All three parents involved in the consolidated hearing, the mother of the three children, the biological father to two of the children, and the biological father to one of the children, appealed from that order. On February 11, 2021, we consolidated the three appeals resulting from the two dockets.

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