

IN RE CHILDREN OF JODI A.

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Decided September 30, 2021

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, and
CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jodi A. and Andrew B. appeal from judgments of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating their parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2021). Contrary to the parents' contentions, the record contains sufficient competent evidence to support the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence that the parents were unwilling or unable to protect the children from jeopardy and the circumstances were unlikely to change within a time that is reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs or that the parents were unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children within a time that is reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See id.; In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157. Additionally, the court did not abuse its discretion when it determined that termination of the father's parental rights was in the children's best interests. *See In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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