

IN RE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM F.

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Decided September 30, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Nale, J.*) terminating their parental rights to two of their children. Contrary to the parents' contentions, the parents' failure to recognize the impact that domestic violence has on the children, find suitable housing, and keep their children safe from sexual abuse supports the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021); *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 7-9, 236 A.3d 438. Additionally, we discern no abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's and father's parental rights was in the best interests of the children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Child of Sherri Y.*, 2019 ME 162, ¶ 8, 221 A.3d 120.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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