

IN RE CHILDREN OF JAYLYNN M.

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Decided September 30, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jaylynn M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Mulhern, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her two children. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence—that the mother is unwilling or unable to protect the children from jeopardy and unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children within a time that is reasonably calculated to meet their needs, that the mother failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the children, and that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the children's best interests—are supported by competent evidence in the record, and we also discern no abuse of discretion in the court's best interest determination. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021); *In re Children of Shem A.*, 2020 ME 65, ¶¶ 7, 10, 232 A.3d 236.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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