

IN RE CHILDREN OF JOLENE T.

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Decided October 27, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and
LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jolene T. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Cashman, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to both of her children. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record provides competent support for the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one basis of parental unfitness, and that termination of her parental rights is in the children's best interests.¹ See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2022); *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶ 9, 118 A.3d 812. Although COVID-19 limited in-person visitation, the mother failed to avail herself of opportunities to visit with her children by video chatting or producing negative COVID-19 test results so that she could visit in person.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Further, the mother contends that her attorney at trial discouraged her to attend the termination hearing. The mother does not explain how her testimony, if she had attended the hearing, would have affected the outcome on appeal, nor does she make an ineffective assistance of counsel claim or seek to offer proof that her trial attorney advised her not to attend. Because her argument with respect to her trial attorney's advice was not sufficiently developed on appeal, we do not address this contention further. See *In re David H.*, 2009 ME 131, ¶ 31 n.6, 985 A.2d 490; see also *In re Children of Kacee S.*, 2021 ME 36, ¶ 14-17, 253 A.3d 1063.

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