

IN RE CHILDREN OF AMY V.

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Decided January 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Amy V. and the father appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Dover-Foxcroft, *Malia, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2022). Contrary to the parents’ assertions, the court based its factual findings on competent evidence in the record, and it did not err or abuse its discretion in finding that the parents were unfit and termination was in the children’s best interests.<sup>1</sup> *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2); *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 4, 6, 8, 236 A.3d 438; *In re A.H.*, 2013 ME 85, ¶¶ 9-12, 15, 77 A.3d 1012; *In re Children of Christine M.*, 2018 ME 133, ¶¶ 3-4, 7-8, 194 A.3d 390.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> In the alternative, the father raises an ineffective assistance of counsel claim. Because he failed to fully develop this argument, we may deem it abandoned, *see Mehlhorn v. Derby*, 2006 ME 110, ¶ 11, 905 A.2d 290 (“[I]ssues adverted to in a perfunctory manner, unaccompanied by some effort at developed argumentation, are deemed waived.” (quotation marks omitted)). In any event, this contention is without merit and need not be discussed further.

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