

IN RE CHILDREN OF DAWN F.

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Decided October 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Farmington, *Daniel Mitchell, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her three children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a)-(b) (2023). The court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding at least one ground of parental unfitness and determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the children's best interests. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a)-(b) (2023); *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445. Nor did the court violate due process by holding a termination hearing in the mother's absence when neither the Department nor the mother's counsel could reach her because she had not provided updated contact information as required by an earlier court order, and the mother has not indicated how further efforts to provide her with notice would have affected the outcome of the case. *In re Child of Danielle F.*, 2019 ME 65, ¶ 6, 207 A.3d 1193; *In re Jo-Nell C.*, 493 A.2d 1053, 1055 (Me. 1985); *cf. In re Children of Kacee S.*, 2021 ME 36 ¶¶ 22-29, 253 A.3d 1063.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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