

IN RE CHILD OF JAMES K.

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Decided October 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

James K. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bridgton, *Churchill, J.*) terminating his parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(iv) (2023). Contrary to the father's contention, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding that, despite the provider shortages stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, the father failed to make a good faith effort to engage in reunification services. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(iv); *In re Child of James R.*, 2018 ME 50, ¶ 21, 182 A.2d 1252; *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that the child needs permanency, support and structure and that her best interests are served by termination of the father's parental rights. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *see In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 7, 236 A.3d 438.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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