

IN RE CHILDREN OF MICHELLE B.

Submitted on Briefs November 29, 2023  
Decided December 7, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Michelle B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Wiscasset, *Gilbert, J.*) terminating her parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (iv) (2023). Contrary to the mother's contention, the record contains competent evidence to support the trial court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, that she is unwilling or unable to protect the children from jeopardy in a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs and that she has failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2)(b)(i), (iv); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212; *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶ 7, 763 A.2d 1163. Additionally, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that the children's best interests are served by termination of the mother's parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(A); *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297. Finally, the court did not violate the mother's due process rights. *See In re Robert S.*, 2009 ME 18, ¶ 12, 966 A.2d 894; *In re Children of Corey W.*, 2019 ME 4, ¶ 13, 199 A.3d 683; *In re Chelsea C.*, 2005 ME 105, ¶ 16, 884 A.2d 97.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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