

IN RE CHILDREN OF JENNIFER W.

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Decided March 2, 2023

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jennifer W. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, A.R.J.*) terminating her parental rights to her two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2022). Although the mother is currently on a waiting list to obtain certain services, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that the mother did not make a good-faith effort to participate consistently in the numerous rehabilitation and reunification opportunities that were made available to her throughout the course of the proceedings, and that she remains unable to protect the children from jeopardy or take responsibility for them within a time that is reasonably calculated to meet their significant needs. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2022); *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260; *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445. The court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding unfitness and determining that termination of her parental rights is in the children's best interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv); *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260; *In re Mackenzie P.*, 2017 ME 130, ¶ 4, 166 A.3d 104.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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