

IN RE CHILDREN OF SARAH B.

Submitted on Briefs July 18, 2023  
Decided July 25, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Sarah B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Roberts, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to her two youngest children. *See* M.R. App. P. 2B(c)(1); 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2023). Contrary to the mother's contention, the court did not clearly err in finding, based on the mother's failure to participate in services, at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2023); *In re Child of Radiance K.*, 2019 ME 73, ¶ 34, 208 A.3d 380; *see also In re Mackenzie P.*, 2017 ME 130, ¶ 3, 166 A.3d 104. We likewise discern no abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interests of the children because the children need permanency and are thriving in their foster placement. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2023); *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶ 11, 118 A.3d 812; *In re Children of Jessica D.*, 2019 ME 70, ¶ 8, 208 A.3d 363.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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