

IN RE CHILDREN OF LOIS R.

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Decided January 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Lois R. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Skowhegan, *Nale, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii). Contrary to her contentions, the court did not err in finding that the mother was unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children and protect them from jeopardy due to the mother's failure to maintain contact with the Department, her refusal to meaningfully engage with services to address the issues preventing her from reuniting with her children, and her failure to acknowledge the extent of the trauma her children experienced in her care as a result of her untreated and unmanaged mental health, substance misuse, and domestic violence altercations with the father, and that those circumstances were not likely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii); *In re Child of Lindsay D.*, 2018 ME 87, ¶ 7, 188 A.3d 180; *In re Jeremiah Y.*, 2002 ME 135, ¶¶ 5-9, 804 A.2d 357; *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 23, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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