

IN RE CHILDREN OF BRANDON H.

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Decided March 14, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brandon H. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, Duddy, J.) terminating his parental rights to his three minor children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2) (2023). Contrary to the father's contentions, we conclude that the evidence was sufficient to support the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence that the father is unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet their needs and that he failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the children. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(ii), (iv); *In re Child of Tanya C.*, 2018 ME 153, ¶¶ 4-5, 13-14, 198 A.3d 777; *In re Child of Corey B.*, 2020 ME 3, ¶¶ 3-5, 223 A.3d 462. Although the father did not raise the issue on appeal, we also conclude that the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights is in the best interests of the children. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Child of Corey B.*, 2020 ME 3, ¶¶ 9-10, 223 A.3d 462.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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