

IN RE CHILDREN OF MICHAEL G.

Submitted on Briefs March 27, 2024

Decided April 9, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Michael G. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Powers, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b) (2023). We affirm the judgment because (1) the court did not err in finding the father parentally unfit due to his abandonment of the children, nearly complete failure to engage in reunification efforts, and inability to take responsibility for the children or protect them from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs; and (2) the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interests of these young children, who have spent a significant portion of their lives in foster care and need permanency. *See id.*; *In re Children of Anthony L.*, 2019 ME 62, ¶¶ 6, 12, 207 A.3d 624.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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