

IN RE CHILDREN OF JUSTIN J.

Submitted on Briefs June 20, 2024
Decided June 27, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father and mother appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Lincoln, *Szyylvian, J.*) terminating their parental rights to two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2024). Contrary to the parents' contentions, on this record, the court did not err in finding at least one statutory ground of parental unfitness by clear and convincing evidence. *See In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 7, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Children of Anthony M.*, 2018 ME 146, ¶ 11, 195 A.3d 1229. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the parents' parental rights is in the children's best interests. *See In re Child of Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶ 5, 217 A.3d 1106.

Finally, the court did not violate the father's due process rights by failing to hold a judicial review for a year, ultimately holding the hearing at the same time as the termination hearing. *See In re Adden B.*, 2016 ME 113, ¶ 7, 144 A.3d 1158; *In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶ 15, 55 A.3d 463.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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