

IN RE JESSIE G. et al.

Submitted on Briefs April 2, 2008
Decided April 15, 2008

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Skowhegan, *Anderson, J.*) terminating his parental rights to Jessie G. and Daniel G. pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2007). Contrary to the father's contentions, the court rationally could have found by clear and convincing evidence that the father: (1) was unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs; and (2) has failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the children. *See In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d 195, 201; *In re Danielle S.*, 2004 ME 19, ¶ 4, 844 A.2d 1148, 1149-50 (stating that a court does "not act beyond its discretion in considering, among other evidence, the circumstances surrounding the father's relationship with another [child] in deciding whether to terminate the father's parental rights" as to a child). Further, contrary to the father's implicit argument, the court rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in the record to support its determination that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interests of the children. *See In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d at 201; *In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶ 27, 809 A.2d 1245, 1253 ("The . . . [c]ourt's judgment on the issue of best interest [of the child] is entitled to substantial deference . . ."); *see generally In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 7, 916 A.2d 225, 227.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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