

IN RE ASHLI M. et al.

Submitted on Briefs December 8, 2009
Decided December 17, 2009

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Ashli M. and Grayhem M. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Farmington, *Stanfill, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2008). On appeal, she concedes the accuracy of the court's findings that she is unwilling or unable to protect her children from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs and that she is unwilling or unable to take responsibility for her children within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii). The mother only contests one finding, which she asserts is incident to the court's best interest determination, that the mother "has admitted many times that it is in [the children's] best interest to terminate the parental rights."

We review the record most favorably to the trial court's result to determine whether the trial court's findings are supported by clear and convincing evidence. *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16-17, 889 A.2d 297, 301-02. Here, the record, including testimony by a Department of Health and Human Services caseworker, supports the contested finding. Further, that finding was but one small aspect of the court's consideration, along with many uncontested findings and conclusions that supported the court's ultimate judgment terminating parental rights. Accordingly, the court's judgment terminating parental rights must be affirmed.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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