

IN RE LORRAINE W. et al.

Submitted on Briefs September 16, 2010  
Decided October 5, 2010

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Lorraine W. and Seleste W. appeals from the judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Beliveau, J.*) terminating her parental rights to two of her daughters pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2009). On appeal, the mother contends that: (1) the court erred in denying her motion to continue the termination of parental rights hearing, and (2) there was insufficient evidence to support the court's findings terminating her parental rights. Review of the record reflects that the court did not err or abuse its discretion in denying the mother's request for a continuance in light of the adequate notice that the mother had of the hearing and the Department of Health and Human Services' significant efforts to facilitate the mother's attendance at the hearing, which the mother rejected. *See In re Frederick P.*, 2001 ME 138, ¶ 16, 779 A.2d 957, 961. There is sufficient evidence in the record to support each of the court's findings concerning parental unfitness and failure to participate in good faith efforts to rehabilitate and reunify with the children, 22 M.R.S. § 4041 (2009), and that termination of parental rights is in the children's best interests. *In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 7, 916 A.2d 225, 227; *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16, 23-30, 889 A.2d 297, 300-08.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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