

IN RE DANIEL L.

Submitted on Briefs May 27, 2010

Decided June 15, 2010

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Daniel L. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Bangor, *Gunther, J.*) terminating his parental rights to Daniel pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2009). Contrary to the father's contentions, the court rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in the record to support its determinations that: (1) the father was unable to take responsibility for his son within a time reasonably calculated to meet the son's needs, *see In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 14-15, 912 A.2d 572, 577-78; *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶ 7, 763 A.2d 1163, 1166 ("While the inquiry concerning parental unfitness . . . is prospective, the evidence to be considered is retrospective." (quotation marks omitted)); and (2) termination of the father's parental rights was in the son's best interests. *See In re Alana S.*, 2002 ME 126, ¶¶ 14-15, 17, 802 A.2d 976, 980; *In re Annie A.*, 2001 ME 105, ¶¶ 19, 27, 774 A.2d 378, 383-84, 385-86 ("[I]f rational or competent support in the records exists for the District Court's findings, we must sustain them." (quotation marks omitted)).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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