

IN RE CHILDREN OF MICHAEL F.

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Decided April 26, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Archer, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their three children. Contrary to the mother's and father's arguments, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the court's findings that (1) they are unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs and (2) they are unwilling or unable to protect the children from jeopardy in a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii) (2022); *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445; *In re Child of Amelia C.*, 2020 ME 28, ¶ 8, 227 A.3d 156. The record further supports the court's finding that the father failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify.¹ *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(iv).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Although the parents challenge only the court's findings of unfitness, the record also contains sufficient evidence to support the court's determination that termination of parental rights is in the best interests of the children, and we detect no abuse of discretion. *See In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212.

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