

IN RE CHILDREN OF HEATHER K.

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Decided June 2, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Heather K. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Rockland, *Martin, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to her two sons after a testimonial hearing. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the trial court's findings that (1) she is unable to take responsibility for the children within a time reasonably calculated to meet their needs; (2) she is unable to protect the children from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs; and (3) termination of her parental rights is in the best interests of the children.¹ See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2022); *In re Children of Brandon D.*, 2020 ME 80, ¶¶ 17-19, 235 A.3d 831; *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶¶ 6-7, 226 A.3d 1157.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The mother's argument that the trial court erred in finding that the Department of Health and Human Services had met its obligation to provide reasonable efforts toward reunification is unavailing. The record fully supports the trial court's finding that reasonable efforts occurred, and, in any event, whether the Department failed to make reasonable efforts toward reunification is only one factor in evaluating the mother's parental fitness. See *In re Children of Danielle M.*, 2019 ME 174, ¶¶ 15-16, 222 A.3d 608.

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