

IN RE CHILDREN OF TRACI D.

Argued October 6, 2022
Decided October 20, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Traci D. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Lucy, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to both of her children. Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's determination that the mother is unfit, and that termination is in the children's best interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2022); *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶ 9, 118 A.3d 812. Further, the error in citations to the record made by the trial court in its order is harmless. *In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶ 24, 775 A.2d 1144. The court did not rely on any evidence outside the record in its analysis; therefore, the error did not affect the judgment or substantial rights. *Id.*; *In re Child of Ronald W.*, 2018 ME 107, ¶ 7 n.2, 190 A.3d 1029. Finally, the mother failed to file a motion for further or clarified findings, so we will not entertain a challenge to the trial court's exercise of independent judgment when it adopted the Department's proposed order verbatim. *In re Caleb M.*, 2017 ME 66, ¶ 15, 159 A.3d 345.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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