

IN RE CHILDREN OF CAITLIN H.

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Decided November 7, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Caitlin H. and the father of the children at issue appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Springvale, *Moskowitz, J.*) terminating their parental rights to the children. Contrary to their contentions, which we have considered in full, the court did not err in finding at least one ground of parental unfitness as to each parent, *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b) (2024); *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶ 13, 300 A.3d 832, and in determining that termination of each parent’s parental rights is in the children’s best interests, *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Children of Christopher S.*, 2019 ME 31, ¶ 8, 203 A.3d 808. Although the parents contend that the Department of Health and Human Services’ provision of reunification services was inadequate, “the Department’s failure to provide such services does not preclude the court from terminating parental rights.”¹ *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶¶ 42-43, 65 A.3d 1260.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Both parents raise other issues for the first time on appeal, which we have considered and do not find persuasive. *See In re Anthony R.*, 2010 ME 4, ¶¶ 8-9, 987 A.2d 532 (reviewing unpreserved claims for obvious error).

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