

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS AS TO L. S. C., A MINOR,

No. 36646

CHRISTINE C.,
Appellant,
vs.
NEVADA STATE WELFARE DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
RESOURCES, DIVISION OF CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

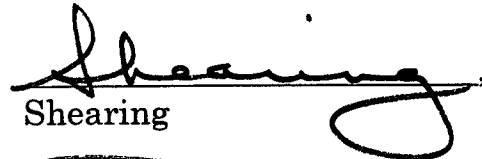
This is an appeal from a district court order terminating appellant Christine C.'s parental rights to her five-year-old daughter. The State petitioned to terminate Christine's parental rights after taking her daughter into custody for the third time in three years. Two months after the State filed its petition to terminate Christine's parental rights, it referred her to a psychologist who diagnosed her with chronic depression. Christine challenges the termination of her parental rights, claiming that the State has not adequately treated her depression, and has, therefore, failed to show, as required by NRS 128.107(4), that additional treatment would be likely to bring about lasting parental adjustment. We disagree.


The evidence presented at trial indicates that Christine has a long history of substance abuse and that her prognosis for positive change is poor. The evidence also indicates that the State has taken steps to treat Christine's depression, including referring her for counseling and anti-depressant medication. The State has actually been working with

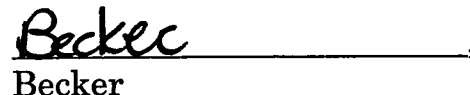
Christine for years and has, on several occasions, provided her with counseling and substance abuse services. Despite the State's efforts, the district court concluded that Christine's "alcohol abuse and pattern of emotional instability" has continued.

Although we closely scrutinize district court orders terminating parental rights, we will not substitute our judgment for that of the district court.¹ Based on the foregoing evidence, we conclude that the State adequately showed, and the district court adequately considered, as required by NRS 128.107(4), "[w]hether additional services would be likely to bring about lasting parental adjustment enabling a return of the child to the parent or parents within a predictable period."

We, therefore, AFFIRM the district court's order terminating Christine's parental rights. It is so ORDERED.

 J.
Shearing

 J.
Rose

 J.
Becker

cc: Hon. Robert E. Gaston, District Judge, Family Court Division
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¹Matter of Parental Rights as to N.J., 116 Nev. 790, 795, 8 P.3d 126, 129 (2000).