

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS AS TO
C. A. R.,
L. M. R. R.,
D. L. R. R.,
E. T. R. R.,
A. L. L. R. R.,
AND J. A. R.

No. 39141

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LORIE A. M. R.,
Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA WELFARE
DIVISION, DIVISION OF CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN RESOURCES,
Respondent.

ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order terminating appellant's parental rights. On December 24, 2001, the district court ordered appellant's parental rights terminated as to two minor children.

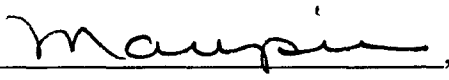
In order to terminate parental rights, a petitioner must prove by clear and convincing evidence that termination is in the best interests of the children and must establish parental fault.¹ "This court will uphold termination orders if they are based on substantial evidence, and will not

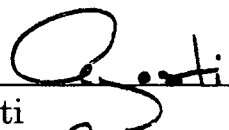
¹See Matter of Parental Rights as to N.J., 116 Nev. 790, 8 P.3d 126 (2000); NRS 128.105.

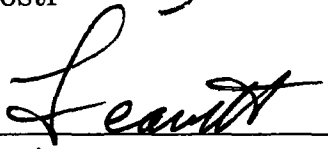
substitute its own judgment for that of the trial court."² In the present case, the district court determined that it was in the children's best interest that appellant's parental rights be terminated. The district court further found by clear and convincing evidence that appellant was an unsuitable parent on the basis of unfitness.³

Having reviewed the record, we conclude that the district court's decision is supported by substantial evidence. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

 _____, C.J.
Maupin

 _____, J.
Agosti

 _____, J.
Leavitt

cc: Hon. Gerald W. Hardcastle, District Judge, Family Court Division
Attorney General/Carson City
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Lorie A. M. R.
Clark County Clerk

²Matter of Parental Rights as to Carron, 114 Nev. 370, 374, 956 P.2d 785, 787 (1998), overruled on other grounds by N.J., 116 Nev. 790, 8 P.3d 126.

³See NRS 128.105(2)(c); NRS 128.018; NRS 128.106(2).