

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FIFTH DISTRICT

JULY TERM 2011

K.R-P., MOTHER OF D.R. AND E.R., CHILDREN,

Appellant,

v.

Case No. 5D10-3897

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,

Appellee.

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Opinion filed September 8, 2011

Appeal from the Circuit Court  
for Orange County,  
Donald Grincewicz, Judge.

K.R-P., Mother, St. Petersburg, pro se.

Rosemarie Farrell, Orlando, for Appellee.

Suzanne D. Meehle, of The Meehle Law  
Firm, P. A., Altamonte Springs, for  
Guardian Ad Litem.

PER CURIAM.

K.R-P. appeals an order terminating her parental rights to her children D.R. and E.R., finding that she consented to the termination by failing to appear at the adjudicatory hearing. We affirm.

This Court is required to affirm the trial court's findings "[i]f, upon the pleadings and evidence before the trial court, there is any theory or principle of law which would

support the trial court's judgment in favor of terminating . . . parental rights.” Kingsley v. Kingsley, 623 So. 2d 780, 787 (Fla. 5th DCA 1993). We may not conduct a de novo proceeding nor substitute our judgment for that of the trier of fact. P.W. v. Dep't of Children & Families, 10 So. 3d 707 (Fla. 5th DCA 2009). After a careful review of the record, we find that there is sufficient competent evidence to sustain the trial court's findings and conclusions, and we affirm the final judgment in all respects.

AFFIRMED.

ORFINGER, C.J., GRIFFIN and PALMER, JJ., concur.