

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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2021 ND 201

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In the Interest of L.L.D.R., a child

M.A., Mother,

Petitioner and Appellant

v.

A.R., Father,

Respondent and Appellee

and

North Dakota Department of  
Human Services; Burleigh County  
Human Service Zone,

Respondents

and

State of North Dakota Child  
Support Division,

Statutory Real Party in Interest

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No. 20210130

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Appeal from the Juvenile Court of Burleigh County, South Central Judicial District, the Honorable Jason J. Hammes, Judicial Referee.

AFFIRMED.

Per Curiam.

Alyssa L. Lovas, Bismarck, N.D., for petitioner and appellant; submitted on brief.

Kiara C. Kraus-Parr, Grand Forks, N.D., for respondent and appellee; submitted on brief.

**Interest of L.L.D.R.**  
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**Per Curiam.**

[¶1] M.A., the mother of L.L.D.R., appeals from a juvenile court order declining to terminate the parental rights of A.R., the father of L.L.D.R. The juvenile court found that A.R. “has not abandoned the child and it is not in the child’s best interest that his parental rights be terminated at this time.” On appeal, M.A. argues that the juvenile court erred in finding L.L.D.R. is not an abandoned child and that the court erred in dismissing M.A.’s petition to terminate A.R.’s parental rights. We conclude that the juvenile court did not abuse its discretion in its decision to deny termination of A.R.’s parental rights because M.A. did not “establish[] that denying the petition would seriously affect the child’s welfare.” *Interest of B.H.*, 2018 ND 178, ¶ 6, 915 N.W.2d 668. Because this issue is dispositive, we decline to address other issues raised on appeal. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(4).

[¶2] Jon J. Jensen, C.J.  
Gerald W. VandeWalle  
Daniel J. Crothers  
Lisa Fair McEvers  
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