# CAPTION: IN RE: J.M.C. AND D.D.

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SUMMARY:

The juvenile court did not abuse its discretion when it determined that granting legal custody of mother’s children to a family friend was in the best interest of the children where it considered six statutory factors that were supported by competent and credible evidence, and where the juvenile court had reason to doubt the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services’ conclusion that mother had remediated the problems that brought the attention of the agency, despite mother completing case-plan services to the agency’s satisfaction.

JUDGMENT: AFFIRMED

JUDGES: OPINION by WINKLER, P.J.; BOCK and KINSLEY, JJ., CONCUR.