

IN RE CHILD OF MARTHINA A.

Submitted on Briefs November 17, 2022

Decided November 29, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Marthina A. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2022). Contrary to her contention, the court did not clearly err in finding at least one ground of parental unfitness because competent evidence in the record supports the court's finding that although the mother has demonstrated periods of progress, she has continued to struggle with her mental health and alcohol use and she has gained no meaningful insight into how these issues affect the child. *See In re Hope H.*, 2017 ME 198, ¶ 10, 170 A.3d 813. In addition, there is competent evidence in the record to support the court's finding that the mother is unable or unwilling to make changes of a permanent nature. *See In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445. We also discern no error or abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the child's best interest. *In re David W.*, 2010 ME 119, ¶¶ 6-7, 10, 8 A.3d 673.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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