

IN RE CHILD OF KRISTIN W.

Submitted on Briefs January 26, 2022

Decided February 3, 2022

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kristin W. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Sutton, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's findings of parental unfitness, that is, that she is unwilling or unable to protect the child from jeopardy, unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the child within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs, and has failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), & (iv) (2021); *In re Caleb M.*, 2017 ME 66, ¶ 27, 159 A.3d 345. 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. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2021); *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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