

IN RE CHILD OF GISELLE M.

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Decided April 26, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father appeal from a judgment entered by the District Court (Fort Kent, *Linthicum, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i-ii) (2022). Contrary to the father's contentions, on this record the court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness and in determining that termination of his rights is in the best interest of the child.<sup>1</sup> *See In re Child of Corey B.*, 2020 ME 3, ¶ 10, 223 A.3d 462; *In re Child of Carl D.*, 2019 ME 67, ¶¶ 5-6, 207 A.3d 1202. Contrary to the mother's contention, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's findings regarding the Department's reunification efforts and the court did not err in terminating her parental rights. *See In re Daniel H.*, 2017 ME 89, ¶¶ 15-17, 160 A.3d 1182.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> Although the mother does not challenge the sufficiency of the evidence, the District Court's factual findings regarding parental unfitness as to the mother are supported by the record. *In re Children of Jamie P.*, 2020 ME 85, ¶¶ 8-11, 236 A.3d 449. We also discern no abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *In re Mathew H.*, 2017 ME 151, ¶¶ 2, 5, 167 A.3d 561.

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