

IN RE CHILDREN OF JEWEL D.

Submitted on Briefs April 19, 2022  
Decided May 31, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jewel D. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Ellsworth, *Roberts, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child.<sup>1</sup> Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of parental unfitness, that is, that she is unable to protect the child from jeopardy in a time that will reasonably meet the child's needs and is unable to take responsibility for the child in a time that will meet the child's needs.<sup>2</sup> See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2022); *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157. 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); *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> On appeal, the mother does not challenge the court's decision to terminate her parental rights as to her older son, only her younger son.

<sup>2</sup> We disagree with the mother's contention that ultimate findings of unfitness should be reviewed de novo.

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