

IN RE CHILD OF KEVIN C.

Submitted on Briefs July 19, 2022
Decided July 28, 2022

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kevin C. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Skowhegan, *Nale, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. We discern no error in the court's termination of the father's parental rights because there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's parental unfitness and best interest findings, and the court did not abuse its discretion in concluding that termination of the father's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See, e.g.,* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii) (2022); *In re Child of Kimberly K.*, 2019 ME 145, ¶¶ 4, 6-14, 217 A.3d 63; *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶¶ 2, 9-11, 118 A.3d 812; *In re Children of Christopher S.*, 2019 ME 31, ¶¶ 7-11, 203 A.3d 808.

Further, we deny the father's ineffective assistance of counsel claim because he failed to "submit a signed and sworn affidavit stating, with specificity, the basis" for his claim. *In re M.P.*, 2015 ME 138, ¶¶ 21 & n.5, 38, 126 A.3d 718; *see In re Children of Matthew G.*, 2019 ME 106, ¶¶ 6-7, 211 A.3d 226.¹

¹ In any event, the court found unpersuasive the father's arguments underlying his ineffective assistance of counsel claim, *see In re Child of Kimberlee C.*, 2018 ME 134, ¶ 5, 194 A.3d 925 (explaining that we defer to the court's "superior perspective for evaluating the weight and credibility of evidence" (quotation marks omitted)), and the father has failed to demonstrate prejudice, *see In re Child of Kenneth S.*, 2022 ME 14, ¶¶ 28, 30-31, 269 A.3d 242.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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