

IN RE CHILD OF BRETT P.

Submitted on Briefs September 21, 2022

Decided September 29, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brett P. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Rumford, *Ham-Thompson, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2022). Contrary to his contentions, the court did not err in finding his unfitness by clear and convincing evidence when the record supports the court's findings that he failed to attend counseling services regularly; continued to maintain a relationship with a person who was unsafe for the child; and failed to obtain stable employment and safe, stable housing despite the two-year duration of the child's placement in foster care. *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445; *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv). Nor did it err in determining, based on those findings and the child's need for a permanent placement in a safe and stable home, that termination of the father's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Child of Amber L.*, 2018 ME 91, ¶¶ 7-8, 188 A.3d 876.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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