

IN RE CHILD OF MARY S.

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Decided September 29, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mary S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Presque Isle, *Langner, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iv) (2022). Contrary to the mother's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying her motion to continue considering child protection proceedings are time-sensitive, the mother failed to remedy jeopardy in nearly two years, and the court need not grant a continuance for a parent to make further progress in services. *See In re Children of Kacee S.*, 2021 ME 36, ¶1, n.1, 253 A.3d 1063 (“[T]he court did not abuse its discretion in denying the motion [to continue], considering that the father was seeking a continuance of indefinite duration so that he could ‘prove himself.’”).

There is competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings concerning the mother's unfitness, and the court did not err or abuse its discretion when it determined termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445; *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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