

IN RE CHILD OF BETHANNE H.

Submitted on Briefs October 30, 2024
Decided November 7, 2024

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HORTON, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from a judgment by the District Court (Lewiston, *Ham-Thompson, J.*) terminating her parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii), (iv) (2024). The mother contends that the court erred because the evidence was insufficient for the court to find by clear and convincing evidence that she was parentally unfit.

Competent evidence on the record existed for the court to find the mother parentally unfit. *See In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶ 13, 300 A.3d 832. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the mother was not denied any services to which she was entitled prior to termination of her parental rights, she had notice of what was required of her to alleviate jeopardy, and the Department was not required to wait longer than it did to file its termination petition. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4052(2-A)(A) (2024). Thus, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding that the mother was parentally unfit and that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Children of Brandon D.*, 2020 ME 80, ¶¶ 18-19, 235 A.3d 831.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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