

IN RE CHILD OF LUCAS F.

Submitted on Briefs October 30, 2024

Decided November 7, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Lucas F. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Ham-Thompson, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2024). The father filed a notice of appeal but has not raised any arguments in briefing. *See In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶¶ 7-8, 104 A.3d 139. The record demonstrates that the court did not err in finding three grounds of parental unfitness due to the father's continued difficulty in maintaining sobriety and stability when not incarcerated or in residential treatment, his failure to participate in mental health services, and his continued engagement in criminal conduct. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); *In re Alijah K.*, 2016 ME 137, ¶ 14, 147 A.3d 1159. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child, who has spent most of her life in the loving care of family members who are prepared to adopt her. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Child of Shaina T.*, 2019 ME 107, ¶ 12, 211 A.3d 229.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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