

IN RE HUNTER M.

Submitted on Briefs December 1, 2010
Decided December 14, 2010

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, SILVER, MEAD, GORMAN, and
JABAR, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of Hunter M. appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*) terminating their parental rights. Contrary to the parents' contentions, the record supports the court's determination by clear and convincing evidence, that the parents are unable to protect their child from serious mental or emotional injury, and that, by the same standard, termination is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2009); *In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d 195, 201. The court also properly considered its previous cease reunification order in determining that the State met its burden on its petition to terminate parental rights. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4041(2)(A-2)(2), 4055(1)(B)(2)(b) (2009); *In re Christmas C.*, 1998 ME 258, ¶¶ 7, 14, 721 A.2d 629, 631, 632.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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