

IN RE O.T.

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Decided November 7, 2013

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of O.T. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2012). Contrary to the mother’s contentions, the record supports the court’s findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See In re J.R. Jr.*, 2013 ME 58, ¶ 15, 69 A.3d 406 (“Evidence is sufficient to affirm an order terminating parental rights when a review of the entire record demonstrates that the trial court rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in that record to support the necessary factual findings as to the bases for termination.”).

Further, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in concluding that termination of the mother’s parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297 (“We review the court’s factual findings related to the child’s best interest for clear error, but its ultimate conclusion regarding the child’s best interest for abuse of discretion.”); *In re Jacob B.*, 2008 ME 168, ¶ 18, 959 A.2d 734 (stating that “[m]any factors can combine to support a best interest determination . . .”). Finally, the court made adequate findings of fact regarding whether termination was in the child’s best interest. *See In re Amanda H.*, 2007 ME 43, ¶ 2, 917 A.2d 1120 (holding that the court must make an explicit finding “by clear and convincing evidence that termination is in the best interest of the [child].”).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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