

IN RE J.M.

Submitted on Briefs October 31, 2013  
Decided November 7, 2013

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of J.M. appeal from a judgment entered in the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*)<sup>1</sup> terminating their parental rights to the child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), and (iv) (2012).

Contrary to the parents' contentions, the record supports the court's findings by clear and convincing evidence of at least one ground of parental unfitness as to each of them.<sup>2</sup> *See In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260. Additionally, contrary to the mother's contentions, the record fully supports the court's finding, relevant to its evaluation of parental unfitness, that the Department made reasonable efforts to rehabilitate and reunify the mother and child. *See id.* ¶ 42 (stating also that, in any event, the Department's failure, if there is one, to provide reasonable services does not preclude the termination of parental rights).

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<sup>1</sup> Though docketed in the District Court in Springvale, trial was held in the District Court in Biddeford.

<sup>2</sup> Neither parent has argued in their briefs that the court erred or abused its discretion in finding that termination of their parental rights is in the child's best interest, and we therefore do not address that portion of the court's judgment. *See In re T.B.*, 2013 ME 49, ¶ 22 n.3, 65 A.3d 1282; *Holland v. Sebunya*, 2000 ME 160, ¶ 9 n.6, 759 A.2d 205.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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