

IN RE T.C.

Submitted on Briefs July 30, 2014

Decided August 14, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of T.C. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1) (2013). Contrary to the mother's contention on appeal, the trial court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See In re A.H.*, 2013 ME 85, ¶ 16, 77 A.3d 1012 (stating that we review the trial court's ultimate conclusion on the best interest of the child for an abuse of discretion); *see also In re Justin T.*, 640 A.2d 737, 739 (Me. 1994) (determining that the trial court did not abuse its discretion in concluding that based on the mother's "ongoing substance abuse" and "inability to provide a stable home environment," termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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