

IN RE C.G.

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Decided November 25, 2014

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of C.G. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2013). Contrary to the father’s contention, competent evidence exists in the record to support the court’s findings that the Department of Health and Human Services established by clear and convincing evidence at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination of the father’s parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See id.*; *In re M.S.*, 2014 ME 54, ¶¶ 13, 15, 90 A.3d 443.

The father also contends that the court erred or abused its discretion in determining that the termination of his parental rights, rather than the appointment of a permanency guardian pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4038-C (2013), is in C.G.’s best interest. Based on the court’s findings of fact regarding the best interests of C.G., which are supported by competent evidence in the record, the court acted within its discretion in determining that a permanency guardianship would fail to provide the stability and certainty that the child needs. *See In re David W.*, 2010 ME 119, ¶¶ 6-10, 8 A.3d 673 (recognizing that Maine statutes and Law Court jurisprudence reflect the “central tenant” and “fundamental principle” of permanency for children).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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