

IN RE J.P.

Submitted on Briefs July 1, 2015
Decided July 9, 2015

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of J.P. appeals from an order of termination of parental rights entered by the District Court (Lewiston, *Schneider, J.*) pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)-(B)(2) (2014). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court found at least one ground of parental unfitness supported by clear and convincing evidence in the record. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii); *In re A.H.*, 2013 ME 85, ¶¶ 14-15, 77 A.3d 1012. Further, there was ample evidence in the record that termination of the mother's rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2014); *In re A.H.*, 2013 ME 85, ¶¶ 16-18, 77 A.3d 1012; *In re David W.*, 2010 ME 119, ¶¶ 6, 10, 8 A.3d 673.

With regard to the mother's contention that the Department failed to engage in good faith rehabilitation and reunification efforts as required by 22 M.R.S. § 4041(1-A)(A) (2014), the mother's argument fails due to her previous agreement to entry of a cease reunification order. In addition, a finding of a good faith effort on the part of the Department is not required for termination of parental rights. *See In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 16-17, 912 A.2d 572.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

On the briefs:

Richard Charest, Esq., Auburn, for appellant mother

Janet T. Mills, Attorney General, and Meghan Szylvian, Asst. Atty. Gen., Office of the Attorney General, Augusta, for appellee Department of Health and Human Services

Lewiston District Court docket number PC-2013-65
FOR CLERK REFERENCE ONLY