

IN RE LEAH B.

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Decided October 6, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Leah B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, *Stanfill, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Contrary to the mother's contention, there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination is in the best interest of the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015); *In re M.S.*, 2014 ME 54, ¶ 13, 90 A.3d 443. Even after receipt of intensive and extensive services for four years, this mother was not ready to act as a parent to her child. The court also adequately linked the mother's parenting inadequacies with harm to the child. *See In re Jazmine L.*, 2004 ME 125, ¶ 14-16, 861 A.2d 1277. Finally, the court did not abuse its discretion by determining that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See In re J.V.*, 2015 ME 163, ¶ 13, 129 A.3d 958.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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