

IN RE JAZZMYN P.

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Decided October 27, 2016

Panel: ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HJELM, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Jazzmyn P. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*) terminating his parental rights to the child. The court found that the father has significant mental health and anger management issues that have not been properly treated. The court also found that the father missed visits with the child “constantly,” and that he failed to obtain safe and stable housing suitable to the child’s needs. Based on these findings, the court determined that the Department of Health and Human Services had established that the father had “serious parenting deficits.”

Contrary to the father’s contentions, 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. The court also did not abuse its discretion by determining that termination of the father’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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