

IN RE ANGELEIGH S.

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Decided November 8, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Angeleigh S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Fowle, J.*) terminating her parental rights with respect to her child. On appeal the mother asserts that the court erred and abused its discretion in finding her unfit, and consequently terminating her parental rights.

Contrary to the mother's contentions, however, there is competent evidence on the record to support, by clear and convincing evidence, the court's findings that the mother is "unwilling or unable to protect the child from [j]eopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs," and that she "failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child." See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2)(b)(i),(iv) (2015); *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558. Similarly, the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination was in the child's best interest.<sup>1</sup> For these reasons, we affirm. See *In re Magdalena F.*, 2016 ME 125, ¶ 14, --- A.3d ---.

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<sup>1</sup> We note that although the court cited 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2015) with reference to its best interest analysis, the analysis should have been conducted pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(2) (2015). Nevertheless, it is apparent from the court's order that it considered and analyzed the relevant factors as required by 22 M.R.S. § 4055(2).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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