

IN RE C.A.

Submitted on Briefs January 28, 2016

Decided February 4, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of C.A. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Springvale, *Foster, J.*) terminating his parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015). Contrary to the father's contentions, competent evidence in the record supports the court's determination, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination was in the best interests of the child.

Despite the father's love for his son and his engagement in treatment and services, the record supports the trial court's finding that the time necessary to determine whether the father would be able to reunify with the child by consistently and appropriately discharging the necessary requirements of a reunification plan for him regarding obligations of employment, housing, counseling, and sobriety is not one reasonably calculated to meet his son's needs. *See In re L.D.*, 2015 ME 123, ¶ 15, 123 A.3d 990. The record also supports the court's finding that efforts to stabilize the child could not be undertaken while the father's rights were still intact. *See In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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