

IN RE MATTHEW P. et al.

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Decided June 9, 2016

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Matthew P. and Keelin T. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, *Stanfill, J.*) terminating her parental rights to the children pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015). Contrary to the mother's contentions, there is sufficient competent 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 children's best interests. *See In re Justin S.*, 595 A.2d 1058, 1060 (Me. 1991) (affirming a best interest determination based upon competent record evidence regarding the child's need for a stable family relationship); *In re Jeffrey E.*, 557 A.2d 954, 956-57 (Me. 1989) (affirming a finding of parental unfitness based upon competent record evidence that the mother was unable to meet the child's needs).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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