

IN RE AMITY B.

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Decided March 2, 2017

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The parents of Amity B. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Ellsworth, *Roberts, J.*) terminating their parental rights to the child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2016). They argue that there is insufficient evidence supporting the trial court's findings of parental unfitness and assert that the Department of Health and Human Services did not meet its obligation to provide rehabilitation and reunification services.

Contrary to the parents' contentions, there is 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 child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212; 22 M.R.S. § 4003(4) (2016) (the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act aims to "[p]romote the early establishment of permanent plans for the care and custody of children who cannot be returned to their family"). The court did not abuse its discretion by concluding that termination is in the best interest of the child. *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297. Furthermore, we discern no error in the court's conclusion that the Department made good faith efforts to rehabilitate and reunify the family. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4041 (2016); *In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶¶ 16, 17, 912 A.2d 572.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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