

IN RE CHILD OF DAWN L.

Submitted on Briefs September 29, 2020

Decided October 20, 2020

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Dawn L. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Fort Kent, *Soucy, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's findings of parental unfitness, that is, that she is unable to protect the child from jeopardy and unable to take responsibility for the child, and that those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2020); *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157. We also discern no error or abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2020); *In re Children of James B.*, 2020 ME 14, ¶ 10, 225 A.3d 1285.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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