

IN RE CHILD OF GALINA C.

Submitted on Briefs May 19, 2021

Decided May 27, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Galina C. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. Because the mother failed to raise her due process argument regarding the admission of the reports from the original GAL to the trial court, it is waived, and we discern no obvious error. *In re Arturo G.*, 2017 ME 228, ¶ 19 n.7, 175 A.3d 91. Additionally, although the court erred by admitting the reports over the mother's hearsay objection, the error was harmless. *See In re Caleb M.*, 2017 ME 66, ¶¶ 24-26, 159 A.3d 345; *In re Elijah R.*, 620 A.2d 282, 285-86 (Me. 1993). Contrary to the mother's contentions, her failure to consistently engage in mental health and substance abuse treatment, as well as her failure to recognize the impact that the child's father has on the safety of the child, support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of two grounds of parental unfitness, and the court's findings are supported by competent evidence in the record. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2021); *In re Children of Jamie P.*, 2020 ME 85, ¶¶ 8-13, 236 A.3d 449. We also discern no abuse of discretion in the court's finding that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interest of the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2021); *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶¶ 10-11, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Child of Sherri Y.*, 2019 ME 162, ¶ 8, 221 A.3d 120.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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