

IN RE CHILD OF AMBER B.

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Decided September 30, 2021

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, and  
CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Amber B. and her child's father appeal from a judgment entered by the District Court (Skowhegan, *Benson, J.*) terminating their parental rights to the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021). Contrary to their contentions, there is sufficient evidence to support the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that due to their lack of any significant progress in addressing issues of substance use disorder, mental health, and domestic violence through a year and a half of services, neither of them could take responsibility for the child or protect him from jeopardy in time to meet the child's needs, and neither of them made a good-faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157. The court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the parents' parental rights was in the child's best interest given the child's need for permanency and the parents' lack of progress in addressing the issues that created circumstances of jeopardy to the child's health and welfare. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 16, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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