

IN RE CHILD OF KELLIE T.

Submitted on Briefs September 22, 2021
Decided September 30, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kellie T. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Rushlau, 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, by clear and convincing evidence, of parental unfitness, that is, that she is unwilling and unable to protect the child from jeopardy in a time that will reasonably meet the child's needs, is unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the child in a time that will meet the child's needs, and has failed to make a good faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify with the child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), & (iv) (2021); *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 interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 37, 65 A.3d 1260. Lastly, we are also not persuaded that the mother's due process rights were violated by the Department's rehabilitation and reunification efforts. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2); *In re Child of Heather W.*, 2018 ME 31, ¶ 11, 180 A.3d 661; *In re Lacie G.*, 2017 ME 129, ¶ 6 n.3, 165 A.3d 363; *In re M.B.*, 2013 ME 46, ¶ 43, 65 A.3d 1260; *see In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶ 17, 912 A.2d 572; *see also In re Child of Lindsay D.*, 2018 ME 87, ¶ 6, 188 A.3d 180.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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