

IN RE CHILDREN OF KRYSTA S.

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Decided March 3, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother and father of two children appeal from a judgment entered by the District Court (Belfast, *Walker, J.*) terminating their parental rights. Contrary to their contentions, on this record the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness for each parent.¹ *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021); *In re Child of Nicole W.*, 2019 ME 167, ¶ 6, 221 A.3d 560; *In re Child of Carl D.*, 2019 ME 67, ¶ 6, 207 A.3d 1202. We are unpersuaded by the mother's argument that the court improperly considered poverty as a reason to terminate her parental rights where it made findings regarding the parents' unilateral decision to relocate to a camper in a remote area without access to communication or services. *See In re Child of Rebecca R.*, 2019 ME 165, ¶ 6, 22 A.3d 540. Nor do we discern any violation of the Equal Protection Clause.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Although neither parent challenged the court's finding of the children's best interests, we note that on this record the court's conclusion that the termination of both parents' rights was in the children's best interests was well within its discretion. *See In re Child of Stacy H.*, 2020 ME 66, ¶ 8, 232 A.3d 212.

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