

IN RE CHILD OF CANDACE S.

Submitted on Briefs January 25, 2023
Decided February 2, 2023

Panel: MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Candace S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Churchill, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to her child. Contrary to her contentions, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness due to, inter alia, the mother's lack of candor and failure to make sufficient progress in counseling to address the underlying issues of jeopardy. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii), (iv) (2022); *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶ 9, 118 A.3d 812. 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); *In re Kenneth S.*, 2017 ME 45, ¶¶ 6-8, 157 A.3d 244; *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 23-27, 889 A.2d 297; *In re Kayla M.*, 2001 ME 166, ¶¶ 13-14, 785 A.2d 330.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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