

IN RE CHILD OF JOANNE T.

Argued February 8, 2023
Decided February 16, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The de facto parents appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Montgomery, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their child. Contrary to the de facto parents' contentions, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's finding of at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii) (2022); *see, e.g., In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶¶ 9-10, 118 A.3d 812. Further, the court did not abuse its discretion in finding that termination of their rights is in the child's best interest. *In re Charles G.*, 2001 ME 3, ¶ 15, 763 A.2d 1163; *see* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a).

We review the de facto parents' due process claim for obvious error because it was not raised in the trial court. *In re Child of Lacy H.*, 2019 ME 110, ¶ 9, 212 A.3d 320. Because the de facto parents were afforded ample opportunities for visitation, rehabilitation, and reunification with their child by the Department of Health and Human Services, there are no due process concerns.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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