

IN RE CHILD OF NATHAN B.

Submitted on Briefs May 23, 2023
Decided May 30, 2023

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Nathan B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, *Dow, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to his contentions, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that the father was unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the child and protect the child from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs due to the father's inability to develop and maintain healthy boundaries in his relationship with the mother, and his inability to provide a safe home environment that can meet the child's complicated medical needs in a time that meets the child's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2023); *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶¶ 5-7, 213 A.3d 113; *In re Children of Jessica D.*, 2019 ME 70, ¶¶ 4-9, 208 A.3d 363; *In re Alana S.*, 2002 ME 126, ¶¶ 5, 22-24, 802 A.2d 976. We also discern no error or abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the father's parental rights is in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2023); *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212; *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶ 23, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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