

IN RE CHILD OF KRISTY W.

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Decided June 1, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kristy W. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Caribou, *Linthicum, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child.¹ Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying the mother's motion to continue the second day of the termination hearing, and the mother's due process rights were adequately protected. *See In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 14-15, 18, 23-27, 55 A.3d 463; *In re Child of Danielle F.*, 2019 ME 65, ¶ 6, 207 A.3d 1193; *In re Child of Raul R.*, 2019 ME 94, ¶¶ 9-13, 209 A.3d 757.²

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The mother does not contend that there is insufficient evidence supporting the court's findings. Nevertheless, we conclude that the court did not clearly err in finding the mother unfit, nor did it clearly err or abuse its discretion in finding that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See, e.g.*, 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii) (2023); *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶¶ 5-11, 236 A.3d 445; *In re Children of Benjamin W.*, 2019 ME 147, ¶¶ 14-15, 216 A.3d 901; *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶¶ 9-11, 118 A.3d 812.

² We do not reach the mother's argument regarding the conduct of her appointed guardian ad litem because that issue was raised for the first time on appeal and is not preserved for our review. *See, e.g., Gallagher v. Penobscot Cmty. Healthcare*, 2019 ME 88, ¶ 6 n.2, 209 A.3d 106; *In re Mathew H.*, 2017 ME 151, ¶ 8, 167 A.3d 561.

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