

IN RE CHILD OF MISTY T.

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Decided June 29, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Misty T. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, S. Driscoll, J.) terminating her parental rights to her child. See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (B)(2)(b)(i), (ii) (2023). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that the mother was unfit given the long duration of this case and the mother's lack of appreciable progress towards ameliorating jeopardy and meeting reunification goals. See *In re Child of Amanda H.*, 2019 ME 39, ¶ 5, 204 A.3d 869; *In re Hope H.*, 2017 ME 198, ¶ 10, 170 A.3d 813; *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶ 6, 213 A.3d 113. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of her parental rights was in the best interest of the child, who has been in Department custody for over a year and a half, currently resides in a stable resource placement where she is doing well, and needs permanency now. See *In re Child of Carl D.*, 2019 ME 67, ¶¶ 8-9, 207 A.3d 1202; *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 10, 236 A.3d 438.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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