

IN RE CHILD OF SEAN K.

Submitted on Briefs June 21, 2023  
Decided June 29, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Sean K. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Augusta, *Nale, 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, and that the father failed to make good faith efforts to rehabilitate and reunify with the child due to the father's failure to engage with services provided by the Department to address his substance misuse, untreated mental health issues, and domestic violence issues. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2023); *In re Children of Matthew G.*, 2019 ME 106, ¶ 5, 211 A.3d 226; *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶ 7, 213 A.3d 113; *In re Alijah K.*, 2016 ME 137, ¶¶ 8-18, 147 A.3d 1159; *In re Hannah S.*, 2016 ME 32, ¶¶ 8-10, 133 A.3d 590. 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 Children of Jessica D.*, 2019 ME 70, ¶ 8, 208 A.3d 363; *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 23-30, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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