

IN RE CHILDREN OF FORREST C.

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

Forrest C. and the father of one of the children at issue in this matter appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Szylvian, J.*) terminating each of their parental rights as to one child and the mother's parental rights as to an additional child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4006 (2023); M.R. App. P. 2B(c)(1). Contrary to the parents' contentions, there was competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings of unfitness as to each parent. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2023); *In re Child of Erica H.*, 2019 ME 66, ¶ 9, 207 A.3d 1197; *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶ 6, 213 A.3d 113. Additionally, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding termination of each parent's parental rights to be in the best interests of the children. *See* 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2022);¹ 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re K.M.*, 2015 ME 79, ¶ 11, 118 A.3d 812.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ Title 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2022) was amended, effective after the entry of the termination judgment, though not in any way that affects our analysis. *See* P.L. 2021, ch. 647, § B-46 (effective Jan. 1, 2023) (codified at 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3)(O) (2023)).

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