

IN RE CHILD OF BRIAN C.

Submitted on Briefs September 25, 2024

Decided October 3, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brian C. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Lewiston, *Tierney, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his youngest child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b) (2024). We affirm the judgment because (1) the court did not err in finding the father parentally unfit due to his failure to engage in good faith reunification efforts, abandonment of the child, and inability to take responsibility for the child or protect the child from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs; and (2) the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child, whose resource family wishes to adopt the child. *See id.; In re Children of Anthony L.*, 2019 ME 62, ¶¶ 6, 12, 207 A.3d 624.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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