

IN RE CHILD OF CHASE B.

Submitted on Briefs February 21, 2024
Decided March 7, 2024

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Chase B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Duddy, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to the father's contention, the court did not err in finding parental unfitness based on evidence that he was not in contact with the child; did not engage in recommended counseling; and did not have safe, stable housing. See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(iv) (2023); *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶ 13, 300 A.3d 832; *In re Child of James R.*, 2018 ME 50, ¶ 19, 182 A.3d 1252; *In re Child of Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶ 7, 217 A.3d 1106. The trial court also 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, who needs permanency. See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Anastasia M.*, 2017 ME 213, ¶ 2, 172 A.3d 922.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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