

IN RE CHILD OF MISTY K.

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Decided April 9, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Misty K. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, Dow, J.) terminating her parental rights to her child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2023). We discern no error in the court's judgment because there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's parental unfitness and best interest findings, and the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157; *In re J.V.*, 2015 ME 163, ¶ 13, 129 A.3d 958; *In re Child of Joshua S.*, 2018 ME 132, ¶ 8, 194 A.3d 387. The mother's equal protection challenge is also unpersuasive. *See In re D.P.*, 2013 ME 40, ¶ 16, 65 A.3d 1216; *Adoption of Riahleigh M.*, 2019 ME 24, ¶ 29, 202 A.3d 1174.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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