

IN RE CHILD OF TAYLOR D.

Submitted on Briefs April 24, 2024

Decided May 2, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Moskowitz, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. The mother argues that the court abused its discretion by terminating her parental rights instead of granting a permanency guardianship with the child's current placement. Because the mother did not argue for a permanency guardianship at trial, we review the court's judgment for obvious error. *In re Child of Kelcie L.*, 2018 ME 57, ¶ 6, 184 A.3d 387. The record does not demonstrate that the court erred; instead, there is competent evidence to support the court's unfitness findings and that termination is in the child's best interests. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i)-(ii), (b)(iv) (2024); *see also In re Children of Loretta M.*, 2020 ME 121, ¶ 1, 239 A.3d 671 ("Contrary to the mother's contention, on this record the court did not clearly err in finding at least one ground of parental unfitness by clear and convincing evidence, nor did the court abuse its discretion in concluding that termination was in the children's best interests.").

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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