

IN RE CHILD OF TASHA M.

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Decided July 8, 2025

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Tasha M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Biddeford, *Duddy, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a)-(b) (2025). We conclude that the court did not clearly err in finding two grounds of parental unfitness, despite the mother’s contention that the Department did not make reasonable efforts to assist with reunification. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b); *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶¶ 12-13, 16, 300 A.3d 832; *In re Child of Lindsay D.*, 2018 ME 87, ¶ 7, 188 A.3d 180. We further conclude that the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination of parental rights—and not a permanency guardianship—is in the child’s best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4003(3),(4), 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶¶ 10, 26, 300 A.3d 832; *In re C.P.*, 2016 ME 18, ¶ 32, 132 A.3d 174. We affirm the judgment.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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