

TRACY MALLOY

v.

STANLEY COLBURN JR.

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Decided December 30, 2008

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Tracy Malloy appeals from a judgment of the District Court (West Bath, *Tucker, J.*) establishing parental rights and responsibilities for her son. In making a decision about parental rights and responsibilities, the court must apply the best interest of the child standard. 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2007). “The court’s decision regarding the best interests of the child is entitled to substantial deference and its findings will stand unless clearly erroneous.” *Hinkley v. Hinkley*, 2000 ME 64, ¶ 7, 749 A.2d 752, 754. “A finding is clearly erroneous only if there is no competent evidence in the record to support it.” *Zink v. Zink*, 687 A.2d 229, 232 (Me. 1996) (quotation marks omitted). Contrary to the mother’s contention, the record supports the District Court’s decision on parental rights and responsibilities, the child’s residency, and parent-child contact, and reflects no error of law or abuse of discretion. *See Grenier v. Grenier*, 2006 ME 99, ¶ 20, 904 A.2d 403, 408.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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