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EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL NEEDS LEVELS

Mild: Characteristics of individuals with mild emotional disability include, for example: functioning well in school, at home, and with peers. If symptoms are present, they are transient and may be a result of developmental stage or expected reaction to external stressors (such as anxiety, sadness, or behavioral difficulty related to introduction to new situations, losses, or changes in the child's environment); able to communicate needs and understand rules as well as consequences of behavior (depends on developmental stage); may use substances; does not require medication or therapeutic mediation at this time but may benefit from counseling in dealing with emotions and behaviors that may be causing difficulty.

Characteristics of individuals with mild behavioral disability include, for example: redirectable; behavior will likely change with therapy; amount of adult attention is age appropriate; can be left unsupervised (at age-appropriate level).

Moderate: Characteristics of individuals with moderate emotional disability include, for example: symptoms are present but child is able to function with some assistance in school, at home, and with peers; displays anxiety, depression, behavioral problems that can be mediated by medication, behavior therapy, or counseling as needed (these behavioral problems can include: occasional panic attacks or severe anxiety that is not precipitated by external stressors; sexually inappropriate behavior but not sexual abuse of others; episodic use of substances; some conflicts with teachers, peers, or others in authority; fighting; occasional theft or lying; depressed mood without suicidal ideation; encopresis or enuresis; poor judgement or impulse control; hard-to-manage behaviors that are not destructive or violent; isolating behavior; difficulty maintaining friendships; difficulty in communicating needs in an appropriate fashion, sometimes losing sight of consequences of behavior (depends on developmental stage).

Characteristics of individuals with moderate behavioral disability include, for example; displays acting-out behaviors, but not destructive or hurtful; has risky behaviors without the understanding of consequences; will benefit from therapy but likely will not show immediate progress.

Severe Characteristics of individuals with severe emotional disability include, for example: serious impairment in social and academic functioning; occasional to persistent danger of severely hurting self or others; recurrent violence that appears unprecipitated; a pattern of cruelty to animals; fire-setting behaviors; inability to maintain personal hygiene; sexual abuse of others; gross impairment in ability to communicate (largely incoherent); inability to see consequences of actions or show empathy for others; significant destruction of property; gross impairment in reality testing, judgement, and thinking; persistent use of substances; self-mutilating behavior; presence of hallucinations or delusions (that are not related to substance abuse or organic difficulty); may require repeated psychiatric hospitalizations or 24-hour monitoring; requires medication and consistent psychiatric assistance; may have poor prognosis for adult level of functioning.

Characteristics of individuals with severe behavioral disability include, for example: needs line-of-sight supervision; likely has one-on-one support or alternative school setting; has been physically and verbally aggressive toward adults and peers; has tendency to be a danger to self or others; would benefit from therapy, but it may not change behaviors; may be in detention or have juvenile justice involvement.

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Single Girls

	**Name(s):** Brianna **Age(s):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Severe **Grade(s):** 5th **Interests:** Brianna loves to give and receive hug. She like to go on long walks and smell the fresh air. She loves to have her hair and nails done. She loves to play boardgames like Pictureka! Brianna loves to eat; she likes candy, drinking Coca-Cola, chips, playing card games, and singing to her favorite songs! **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Name(s):** Gabriella **Ages(s):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Severe **Grade: 8**th grade for 2022-2023 School Year **Interest:** Song writing, singing, eating Mexican food, interest in philanthropic activities, reading **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Miracle **Ages(s):** 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Severe **Grade:** 6th grade for 2023/2024 school year **Interest:** Miracle loves to sing and wants to be a ballerina. She enjoys reading chapter books and loves Olaf from Frozen because they both like "warm hugs!" **Legal Status: Legally free** **Recruiter: Ebony Hall** **Ebony.Hall@clarkcountynv.gov**

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	**Name(s):** Saniya **Ages(s):** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade:** 8th **Interest:** loves to play outside with peers, play on her iPad, dance and sing and paint her nails. **Legal Status:** **Legally Free** **Recruiter: Ebony Hall** Ebony.Hall@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Truly **Ages(s):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Mild to Moderate **Grade: 2022-2023 7**th **Interest:** Talking on the phone and using the internet, reading, spending time with friends**.** **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s): Erica** **Ages(s):** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade:** 9th **Interest:** Anime, Baking, Art**.** **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov

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Name: Bryanna
Ages: 14
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe
Grade: 9th grade for 2022-2023 school year.
Interest: Bryanna loves Karate, Anime, drawing, coloring, painting, learning to skateboard. Bryanna is a fearless and brave kiddo! Bryanna has a speech impediment so speaking to strangers makes her shy at times. Bryanna loves animals, especially cats. She would love to find a forever family who loves animals as much as she does. She would like to have a big family that is very active and fun.
Legal Status: Legally free
Recruiter: Liz Sanchez
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Name: **Jaela**
Age: **12**
Emotional/Behavioral Level: **Moderate**
Grade: **5th grade for 2022-2023 school year.**
Interest: **Jaela is a charismatic, sweet girl who loves music, Disney's the Descendants, and pets. She loves pizza and sweets. She loves to sing and her favorite singer is SZA.**

Legal Status: **Legally free**
Recruiter: **Ebony Hall**
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Name(s): Zariah
Age(s): 12
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate - Severe
Grade(s): 6th
Interests: Zariah loves to draw, paint, and color. Her favorite colors are blue and red. She enjoys singing and crafting. Her favorite school subject is Science. She aspires one day to either be a hair stylist or become a professional singer.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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	**Name(s): Makayla** **Ages(s): 5** **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade:** She is in a Pre K school program and her favorite subjects in school are gym class, art, and music. **Interest:** Makayla is a sweet 5- year- old girl who loves to smile and be silly. She loves to dance, listen to music, and play Ring Around the Rosey. Other favorite things to do are riding a scooter or tricycle outside and going to play at the beach. Makayla is working on communicating her wants and needs to her caregivers. **Legal Status: Legally Free** **Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: **Island** Age: 5 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Severe** Grade(s): **Kindergarten** Interests: **Island is a fun child who loves attention, hugs, and to be tickled. Despite her disability she does not let that stop her from trying to walk, play, climb, swim, etc. She is generally a happy child who rarely gets upset. She likes to watch television. She understands both English and Spanish and at this time is in a Spanish Speaking home.** Legal Status: **Legally Free** Recruiter: **Yesenia Crawford** yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: **Legacy** Age: **8** Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Moderate** Grade(s): **2nd** Interests: **Legacy enjoys watching television, running, bounce on trampoline, going to the park watch movies, coloring, drawing. Putting on jewelry, painting her fingernails and getting her hair done. She loves to make others laugh.** Legal Status: **LEGAL RISK** Recruiter: **Ebony Hall** ebony.hall@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name: **Madison** Age: **13** Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Moderate** Grade(s): **6th for the 2022-2023 school year.** Interests: **Madison loves unicorns, fairies, and caticorns! She enjoys drawing, coloring, and reading anime and other cartoon books. Her favorite foods include hamburger helper, smore & brownie pop tarts, and sour gummi candy. Madison keeps busy in many after school clubs and is not afraid to try new things.** Legal Status: **Legal Risk** Recruiter: **Ebony Hall** Ebony.Hall@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: **Samira** Age: **14** Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Moderate** Grade(s): **8th** Interests: **Samira likes to go by Sami. She has dreams to become a lawyer and help children in foster care. She wishes to travel and have a forever home soon. She loves to take photos and dress to express her personality.** Legal Status: **Legally Free** Recruiter: **Yesenia Crawford** yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Selena **Age:** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral:** Mild to Moderate **Grade:** 9th grade for 2023/2024 school year **Interests:** Selena enjoys drawing and listening to music. She is very loyal to her friends and family. Selena is looking forward to starting high school in the fall and hopes to get guitar or robotics as an elective. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter: Ebony Hall** **Ebony.Hall@clarkcountynv.gov**

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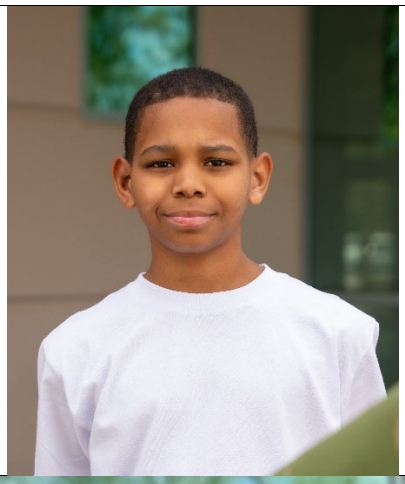
Single Boys

	**Name(s):** Ayden **Age:** 12 **Grade:** 6th **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Interests**: He loves Pokemon, riding his skateboard or scooter. Ayden also loves playing video games. Favorite meals include chicken and pizza. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s): Aiden** **Ages(s):** 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade: 6th** **Interest:** Video games, going bowling, nitendo switch **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name: **Brayden** Age: **13** Emotional/Behavioral Level: **Moderate** Grade: **7th grade** Interests: **Video games, water parks, movie theaters, keeping in contact with his sister.** Legal Status: **Legally Free** Recruiter: **Ebony Hall** Ebony.Hall@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Paul **Age(s):** 12 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 5th grade **Interests:** Video games, basketball, riding bikes, swimming, remote control cars, snacks, watching movies, sports, picking out his outfits. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Jero'Sean **Age(s): 9** **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate -Severe **Grade(s):** 2022-2023 school year; 4th grade **Interests:** Loves to play basketball and football. Jero'Sean loves Marvel Movies and wants to be Wolverine someday. He is interested being the youngest child in his forever home. Red is his favorite color and he loves pizza! **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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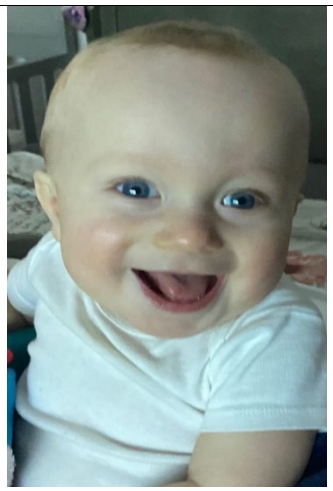
	**Name(s):** Preston **Age(s):** 12 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** 7th grade **Interests:** Go Karts, skating and learning to skate board. Preston loves attention and says he is interested in having a mom and dad who will actively engage in activities with him. Preston is a true artist. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name: Curry** **Age: 8** **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade:** 3rd grade **Interest:** One of his favorite activities is burning off his energy at the park; he delights in being outside. Curry will tell you his talents when asked, "I can kick really hard. I run fast too." His kicking skills come in handy for his love of kickball. When the weather or time only allows for indoor play, this kiddo turns to coloring and favors red and black. Chicken fingers and McDonald's are Curry's ideal meals. Curry strives to be independent and is known to be a caring and kind child with caregivers. **Legal Status:** Legally free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Jordan **Age(s):** 10 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 5th **Interests:** Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Name(s):** Jery'ian **Age(s):** 15 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate - Severe **Grade(s):** 8th **Interests:** Jery'Ian enjoys playing and watching basketball and football. His favorite team is the Warriors. He enjoys Math and does well in Spelling. Jery'Ian likes to laugh and clown around. His favorite foods are sushi, pizza and spaghetti but he also likes to try new foods. He enjoys playing cards and riding bikes. He likes to help others and stay busy. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez Liz.Sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Christopher **Age:** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE **Grade:** 8th **Interest:** Christopher has a big interest in rocks, and anything related to the study of rocks. He like to play video games and eat all kids of food. He enjoys playing basketball with his friends and going to the skate park. **Legal Status:** LEGAL RISK **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Jesse **Age:** 12 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** SEVERE **Grade:** 6th **Interest:** Jesse has a big heart, kind smile and contagious laugh. He loves animals and volunteers to care for them. He enjoys football, basketball, swimming, dogs, cats and lizards. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

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Name: Andrew
Age: 8 months
Emotional/Behavioral Level: None
Grade: not yet school age.
Interest: He babbles and likes to sing. He is reportedly on track developmentally – rolling and able to sit in his bumbo chair. He favorite food are bananas. Foster parents report he is not a picky eater. He is a good sleeper at night and likes to take "catnaps" during the day.
Legal Status: LEGAL RISK
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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Name: **Hakeem**
Age: **16**
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Moderate – Severe**
Grade(s): **11th**

Interests: **Hakeem enjoys playing video games and taking care of his hair. He likes to draw and watch Marvel movies. He does very well in school and challenges himself with Honors Courses. Hakeem enjoys animals he can cuddle with. Hakeem aspire to go to college and work for Pixar Studios!**
Legal Status: **Legally Free**
Recruiter: **Yesenia Crawford**
yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov



Name: Adam
Age: 14
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 8th
Interest: Adam enjoys music and is especially fond of the Backstreet Boys! His favorite foods consist of hot dogs, chicken fingers, and 11rench fries.

Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Ebony Hall
Ebony.hall@clarkcountynv.gov



Name: DeShawn
Age: 16
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 10th
Interest: Deshawn loves video games, anime, and roller skating.

Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Liz Sanchez
liz.sanchez**@clarkcountynv.gov**

Sibling Groups



Name(s): Emilia, Peter, Anthony
Age(s): 14, 12, 9
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Mild - Severe
Grade(s): 8th, 6th, 2nd
Interests: Emila is smart, independent, motivated, and caring. This girl likes to spend her days longboarding and daydreaming. Peter is a talented soccer player and is sure to show off his skills. An ideal day for Peter is spent going to church, followed by a trip to the park with his siblings. Singing is a talent that Anthony is happy to show off. He loves it so much that he has expressed interest in performing in the talent show at school.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Liz Sanchez
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	**Name(s): DEREON, ERMIAS, DRE'DYN, EGYPT & ZANIYAH** **Age(s):** 7, 10, 12, 5, 4 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** PK, K, 2nd, 5th, 6th **Interests:** Outings, the park, movies, tablets. The girls love princesses and the boys love sports. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez Liz.Sanchez @clarkcountynv.gov
	**Names:** Sirena & Ryker **Ages:** Sirena is 3 Ryker is 9 **Emotional/Behavioral:** Sirena is mild Ryker is severe **Grades:** Sirena is pre-K Ryker is 3rd grade Interests: Sirena is interested in watching cocomelon TV show, playing catch and soccer. Ryker is interested in playing, he enjoys playing army, trains, basketball and with legos. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Names:** Edwin, Juan, and Nayareli **Ages:** 13, 11, 5 **Emotional/Behavioral: Mild** **Interests:** Edwin likes to play football, video games, and loves to draw. He enjoys doing odd neighborhood jobs to earn extra money. He is hopes to be a Fireman or join the Airforce someday. Juan also likes football and any other sport. He also hopes to join Airforce. Nayareli likes to play with her dolls and play with games and puzzles. Nayareli loves to learn and go to school! **Legal Status: Legal Risk** **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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Name(s): Chaslyn, Harold, and Cashis
Age(s): 16, 14, 13
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate - Severe
Grade(s): 9th, 8th, 7th
Interests: Chaslyn loves to hang out with her friends and go shopping. She enjoys writing in school. Chaslyn hopes to have a dog of her own someday! Harold hopes to be in the NBA when he grows up. He enjoys playing video games and his favorite sports are football and basketball. Cashis's favorite foods are fried chicken, pizza, and tacos. One day he hopes to be a professional basketball player or football player. Both boys enjoy the outdoors and being with their friends.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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Name: Gabriel, Nathaniel, Isaiah
Age: 14, 11, 10
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 7th & 4th grade for 2022/2023 school year
Interest: These siblings like to stay active; they enjoy playing sports such as basketball, soccer, and football. Their personalities are sweet, and they are easy to talk with. When he is not playing soccer, Isaiah like to dance, sing, and participate in theater. Nathaniel enjoys writing in school and likes to pass time on his Xbox one. Gabriel loves to spend time playing with friends and wants to be a "gamer" when he grows up.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Ebony Hall
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Name: Justice and Jahmer
Age: 7 & 7
Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE/SEVERE
Grade: 3rd
Interest: Jahmer and Justice, love to color, ride their bikes, scooters and go to the Mini Grand Prix to ride the go carts! They enjoy going swimming and enjoy a bowl of macaroni and cheese. These kiddos are shark enthusiast, and they wish to have one in their forever home one day. They look forward to taco night and ice-cream for dessert.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford
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CLARK COUNTY WEBSITE: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/divisions/adoption_program/index.php -Search Adoption Profiles
RAISE THE FUTURE WEBSITE: https://www.raisethefuture.org/ -Click children we serve -Click meet waiting children -search Nevada
ADOPTUSKIDS WEBSITE: https://adoptuskids.org/ -search Nevada