

Profiles of Special Needs Children in Recruitment



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.

If you are interested in any of these children, please email: DFSFIndMyForever@clarkcountynv.gov.

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SINGLE GIRLS

	<p>Name(s): Gabriella Ages(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 10th grade for 2024-2025 School Year Interest: Gabby enjoys writing, singing, eating Mexican food, interest in philanthropic activities, and reading Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Saniya Ages(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 9th Interest: loves to play outside with peers, play on her iPad, dance and sing and paint her nails. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Email: karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Erica Ages(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 9th Interest: Anime, Baking, Art. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name: Bryanna Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 10th grade 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 liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Zariyah Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate - Severe Grade(s): 6th Interests: Zariyah 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 Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Kierrah Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate - Severe Grade(s): 8th grade Interests: Kierrah enjoys being outdoors. She loves Kobe Bryant and fast cars. Her favorite food to eat are carne asada burritos. Her favorite times of the year are Halloween and Christmas. Kierrah has siblings that she would like to remain in contact with once she is in a forever home. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name(s): Heavenly Age(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe. Grade(s): 11th for 2023-2024 School Year Interests: Heavenly is very outgoing, she loves arts and crafts. Heavenly loves animals. She loves to ride her bike. She hopes to be a cosmetologist when she grows up. She loves to fix hair. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p>Name(s): Jasmine Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th Interests: Jasmine is very outgoing, playing basketball and loves to draw! Jasmine loves to dress up very fashionably and hopes to one day be apart of the fashion industry! She loves getting her hair and nails done! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p>Name(s): Jenai Age(s): 10 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade(s): 5th Interest: Jenai is a free spirit – who loves to sing and dance. Her face lights up with joy when she is listening to music. She also enjoys art and bubbles. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>

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	<p>Name(s): Emily Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: SEVERE Grade(s): 9th Interest: Emily loves perfecting her make-up techniques and thrives in social settings. She also enjoys cuddling with her favorite canine. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Legacy Age: 9 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate – Severe Grade(s): 3rd 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.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Zephoniah Age: 1 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): N/A Interests: Zephoniah is a very happy and energetic toddler. She loves to jump on her trampoline and watch Sesame Street.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name: Olivia Age: 7 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 2nd Interests: Olivia is a huge Taylor Swift fan; she loves singing and dancing along to the Era's Tour on the TV. Olivia enjoys rolling around in her scooter and enjoys spaghetti the best. She knows all her letters, knows one word sign language, and uses her iPad to communicate her needs. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
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<h2>SINGLE BOYS</h2>	
	<p>Name: Brayden Age: 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 10th grade Interests: Brayden enjoys playing his video games, water parks, movie theaters, and visiting his sister. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Jesiah Age(s): 11 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade(s): 6th Interest: Jesiah loves to learn about geography and math. He is usually seen with a big smile on his face and has a positive attitude. Jesiah enjoys playing on his tablet during his free time. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

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	<p>Name(s): Jero'Sean Age(s): 11 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate -Severe Grade(s): 2024-2025 school year; 6th 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: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Preston Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th grade Interests: Preston enjoys learning to skate board. Preston is also a talented artist. He is known to create crafts as gifts for others. Preston loves attention and says he is interested in having a mom and dad who will actively engage in activities with him.. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Jordan Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 6th Interests: Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name: Christopher Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade: 9th Interest: Christopher has a big interest in rocks, and anything related to the study of rocks. He likes to play video games and eat all kinds of food. He enjoys playing basketball with his friends and going to the skate park. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Jesse Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/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</p>
	<p>Name: Nathan Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Severe Grade: 8th Grade Interests: Nathan enjoys playing video games like Fortnite and watching YouTube TV. Nathan is also a BIG Golden Knights fan and would love to see a game someday. He likes most sports in general, especially basketball. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcounty.nv.gov</p>



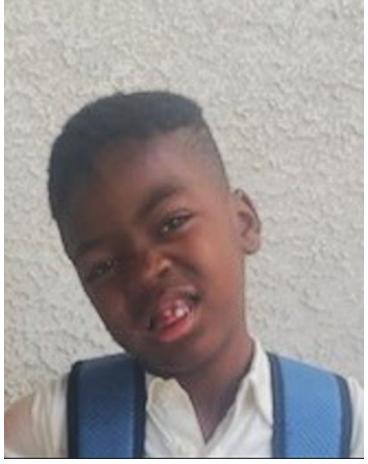
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	<p>Name: Adam Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 8th Interest: Adam enjoys music and is especially fond of the Backstreet Boys! His favorite foods consist of hot dogs, chicken fingers, and french fries.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Cashis Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th Interests: Cashis's favorite foods are fried chicken, pizza, and tacos. One day he hopes to be a professional basketball player or football player. He enjoys the outdoors and being with his friends.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Harold Age(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 8th Interests: Harold hopes to be in the NBA when he grows up. He enjoys playing video games and his favorite sports are football and basketball. He also enjoys the outdoors and being with his friends.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name(s): Yonathan Age: 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th Interests: Yonathan enjoys shooting hoops, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Darryl Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 6th Interests: Darryl is a lover of sports and video games. He also enjoys playing outside with his buddies. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Airick Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade(s): 9th Interest: Airick is a master of complex lego constructions. He also is a skilled and competitive player with board games and video games. In his down time, he enjoys a good graphic novel. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

	<p>Name: Mar'Leno Age: 7 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade: 2 for the 2024-2025 SY Interest: Mar'Leno's favorite foods are fish, rice, hot dogs, and pasta. He identifies his favorite candy as being popsicles. Mar'Leno likes routine and being given options to choose. At nighttime he likes to choose the color that his nightlight displays. Mar'Leno likes playing with toys and cars. He enjoys watching Disney Movies. Legal Status: LEGALLY FREE Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
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SIBLING GROUPS

	<p>Name(s): Emilia, Peter, Anthony Age(s): 14, 12, 10 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th, 7th, 4th Interests: Emilia 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: Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p>Name: Ja'Dynn & Tabitha Age: 13, 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 6th Interest: These girls love makeup, YouTube and playing with their friends. They enjoy camp and watching movies. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>



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	<p>Name(s): Jayden and Jayon Age(s): 6 & 6 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): Kindergarten Interests: Jayden can be very sweet and plays well with children his age. He likes to play outside. He is always excited to learn new things and make new friends. Jayon is very helpful around the home. Jayon is social butterfly, funny and playful. He likes to draw, color and play with toy cars.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Gabriela & Oscar Age: 9 & 11 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 4th, 7th Interest: Gabriella loves Princess Peach, coloring and dancing to music. Oscar loves snacks and watching cartoons on the weekends!</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Dior & Dontrey Age: 9 & 11 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild-Moderate Grade: 8th & 6th Interest: Dior and Dontrey love anime, video games and comic books! They aspire to be an artist and a professional football coach one day!</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Liz Sanchez liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Names: Neveah and Eli Ages: 10y and 5y Emotional/Behavioral: Mild-Moderate Interests: Neveah loves having fun and playing with her OMG dolls. Eli is energetic always happy and smiling. He loves to watch TV. He is very observant and questions everything. He greets visitor with hugs and excitement. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Names: Kenneth and Keyvan Ages: 6 and 4 Emotional/Behavioral: Mild Interests: Both boys love to play at the park and enjoy yummy treats. Kenneth enjoys watching his favorite shows playing with his favorite super hero toys. Kenneth loves playing with balls and chasing after his big brother. These two boys are a happy duo! Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

Please feel free to check out the websites below for more information:

CLARK COUNTY WEBSITE:

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/divisions/adooption_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:

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 -search Nevada

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