



Profiles of Special Needs Children in Recruitment



EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL LEVELS OF NEEDS

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



Name(s): Miracle
Ages(s): 13
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe
Grade: 7th grade for 2024/2025 school year
Interest: Miracle loves to sing and dance. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and having sleep overs.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza
Email: Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov



Name(s): Erica
Ages(s): 16
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 10th
Interest: Anime, Baking, Art, Hello Kitty
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov



Name: Bryanna
Ages: 16
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: Yesenia Crawford
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	Name(s): Jasmine Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 8th 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! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	Name(s): Emily Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: SEVERE Grade(s): 10th 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
	Name(s): Gabriella Ages(s): 17 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Highly Moderate Grade: 11th grade for 2025-2026 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

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	Name: Makayla Age: 8 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 3rd Interests: Makayla loves riding her scooter or tricycle. She enjoys practicing her modeling skills, listening to music and signing and dancing along to her favorite songs. She relishes playing with her toys, especially her doll collection. Her favorite subjects are art, gym and music. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Tristen Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 7th Interest: Enjoy arts and crafts, sweet treats and playing with her friends. Tristen is a bubbly girl who loves to talk! Tristen loves all animals, especially horses and dogs. Legal Status: Legal Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: Melodi Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 10th Interests: Melodi loves sports, likes to skate, and loves God. She has some very likable qualities – adults describe her as friendly and loving. Melodi can adapt and learn things quickly. She's good at making friends. Melodi enjoys being outdoors when she can be. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen Blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name: Teaunna Age: 15 Emotional/Developmental Level: Moderate Grade: 8th Interest: Teaunna enjoys drawing, singing, and playing Minecraft in her spare time. Recently, she started to learn how to golf and believes this might be the sport for her. She loves to eat pizza and spaghetti with that is saucy! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: Daisy Age: 13 Emotional/Developmental Level: Moderate Grade: 8th Interest: Daisy is friendly and helpful. She likes anime. Daisy likes to be involved in school clubs and cheer. She has good grades in school and is eager to learn. Daisy wishes to go to MIT Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford Yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

SINGLE BOYS	
	Name: Brayden Age: 15 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
	Name(s): Jordan Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe

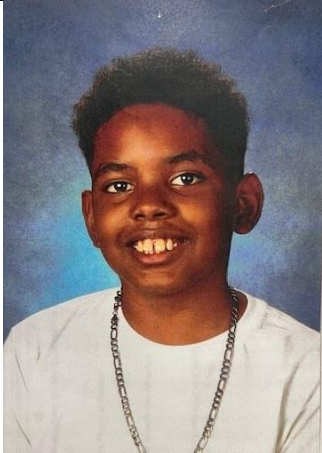
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	Grade(s): 7th Interests: Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: Jesse Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Severe Grade: 8th 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
	Name: Nathan Age: 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Severe Grade: 9th Grade Interests: Nathan enjoys playing video games like Fornite 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 Statis: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcounty.nv.gov

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	Name(s): Cashis Age(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th 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. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name(s): Yonathan Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 10th Interests: Yonathan enjoys shooting hoops, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name(s): Darryl Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th Interests: Darryl is a lover of sports and video games. He also enjoys playing outside with his buddies. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name(s): David Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 6th Interests: David is kind, charismatic and smart. He enjoys playing outside and is athletic playing football and basketball. He is creative and likes to build and color/ draw. David wants to be a basketball player when he grows up. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Paul Ages: 13 Emotional/Behavior: Moderate Interests: Paul loves to entertain others with his dancing and singing. He is known for being the life of the party. Paul jams out to Rihanna and Taylor Swift. He also loves shopping trips and going out to eat. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Kerri.Salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Angel Ages: 13 Grade: 8th Emotional/Behavior: Moderate Interests: He loves to play sports and enjoys taking time to draw and paint. He is known as a “great kid” who likes to engage with his peers and adults. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.Blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name: Oscar Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 7th Interests: Oscar loves snacks and watching cartoons on the weekends! He also enjoys playing on a tablet or phone. Oscar is a math whiz! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	Name(s): Matthew Age(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 10th Interests: YouTube, Rap music, Swimming, basketball, playing games on his phone, watching movies and TV. He enjoys spending time with his sister on the weekends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name(s): Ayden Age: 14 Grade: 8th Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Interests: He loves basketball, riding his skateboard and scooter. Ayden loves to learn about insects and loves animals. In his free time, he loves playing video games. He also has a nurturing side and really cares about people. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Name(s): Steven Age: 13 Grade: 8th Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Interests: Steven loves to play his Nintendo switch! If he's not playing his video games, he is doing research on fast cars. His favorite car is a Mustang GT. Steven's favorite school subject in school is Technology. He hopes to be a race car driver or a mechanical engineer when he grows up. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Elijah Ages: 15 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Moderate-Severe Interests: Elijah is a friend to everyone he meets and is always smiling. He loves his guitar, toy cars, blowing bubbles, being read too and listening to music. Elijah is in 10th grade and thrives in a school setting. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Zaden Ages: 6 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Moderate Interests: Zaden just graduated Kindergarten. Zaden loves football, basketball and playing outside. He is a very active guy and enjoys being on the move and staying moving. He likes animals, watching tv and playing with his toys. Paw Patrol is his favorite and the colors blue and brown. His favorite foods are bacon, carrots, cheeseburgers and tacos. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov

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SIBLING GROUPS

	Name(s): Peter and Anthony Age(s): 14, 11 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th, 6th Interests: 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. Anthony also loves to bust a move on the dance floor. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	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 like to draw, color and play with toy cars. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name(s): Jeremiah, Johnathan, Cameron Age(s): 12, 11, 10 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Mild/Moderate Grade(s): 6th, 6th, 5th Interests: Johnathan enjoys riding his bike and playing video games. He is known for being a helper and a good friend. Johnathan would love a home with a Ford truck and a dog! Jeremiah is a natural caretaker. He is observant and thoughtful. Jeremiah is an animal lover and has a great appetite. He is known for being generous and having an easy-going nature. Cameron is fun loving and playful. He is a natural competitor and likes to keep up with his big brothers. Cameron is also known for being sensitive and wearing his heart on his sleeve. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov

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	Names: Ky'rah, Kayvion, Kamari, Kahlil Ages: 3, 2.2, 1.5, 1 month Emotional/Behavior: Mild/Moderate Interests: This sibling group is described as "sweet and loving." Ky'rah is known to be a good helper and spends her free time watching Kids YouTube. Kayvion and Karami are superfans of Mickey Mouse and Cocomelon. Kahlil is the newest addition to this sibling group and he loves his bottle and having a full belly! Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Derrick and Genesis Ages: 13y and 10y Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate- Severe Interests: Derreck likes playing with magnets, listening to music and building things like forts. He also enjoys his iPad likes to offer to help. Genesis likes to paint her nails, color watch YouTube videos and play dress up. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	Names: Axell, Norma and Natasha Ages: 9, 7, 5 Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate Interests: Axell likes playing soccer. Norma and Natasha love to paint their nails, color and play dress up. The kids like to watch movies on their spare time. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	Names: Donnese and Constance Ages: 12 & 11 Grade: 5th & 4th Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate Interests: Donnese and Constance are very social siblings and takes pride in their friendships. Donnese has a very outgoing personality and wants to find a loving home. He is an expert in board game. Constance likes to help any way she can. She loves running track and her favorite animals are horses. Like her brother, she enjoys board games. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov

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Names: David and Sofia

Ages: 13 and 8

Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Moderate-Severe

Interests: David loves the Japanese culture and can't wait to travel there one day. Getting lost in a book is his favorite thing to do and his imagination is magical. Barnes and Noble would be his ideal place to visit on a day out. Sofia loves water and is always on the look out for a splash. She enjoys learning and can't wait to go to school each morning. This girl is always seeking an adventure and on the move.

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Names: Blossomly, Sophia, Angel and Eileithya

Ages: 10, 9, 7 and 3

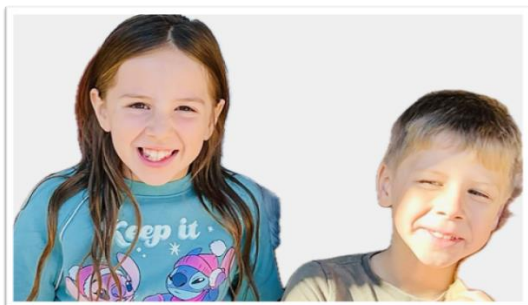
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Mild-Moderate

Interests: Blossomly is a great communicator and makes friends easily. She loves to write and rap her own lyrics and read Harry Potter. Sophia is outgoing and talkative. She loves cheerleading, scary movies and dodgeball. Angel loves to be included and being busy. His favorite game is Super Mario and he enjoys corn dogs, hot dogs and coke! Eileithya is very social and loves her friends at preschool. She enjoys being independent and finishing her own tasks. She looks up to her big siblings and loves to watch cartoons with them.

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Name(s): Autumn and Leivii

Age: 8 and 7

Grade: 4th and 2nd

Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild/Moderate

Interests: Autumn loves to be helpful with cooking, cleaning, and organizing. She is loving and caring towards others. Autumn loves arts & crafts, riding her bike, and gymnastics. She is looking for a family with pets and she especially loves dogs. Leivii loves physical activities and has had a little experience with karate. He likes to play outside and ride his bike. Leivii also likes to draw and do arts & crafts too!

Recruiter: Karen Blomquist

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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

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