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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.

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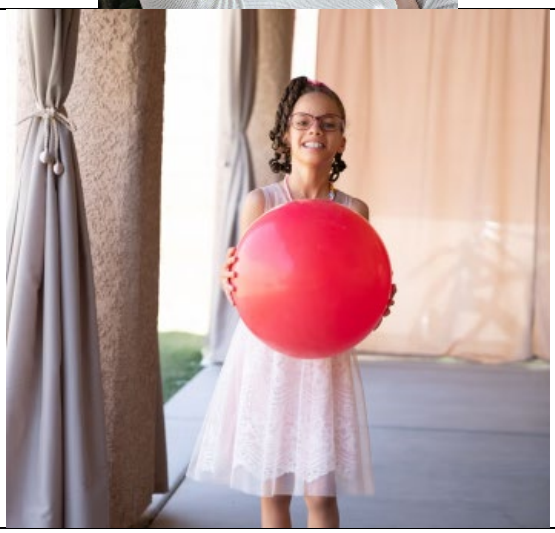
SINGLE GIRLS



Name: Lotus
Age: 8
Emotional/Developmental Level: Moderate
Grade: 2nd
Interest: Lotus has a wonderful fashion sense about her. She is artistically creative and loves to draw**.** Lotus can make friends easily and gets along well with her peers at school. She is described by her caregivers as fearlessly outgoing, smart, and sweet. Lotus loves playing outside and jumping on a trampoline. You can also catch her doing arts and crafts or playing video games.
Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Cally Brown
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Name: Miracle
Ages: 14
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe
Grade: 8th grade for 2025/2026 school year
Interest: Miracle loves to sing and dance. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and having sleepovers.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza
Email: Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov

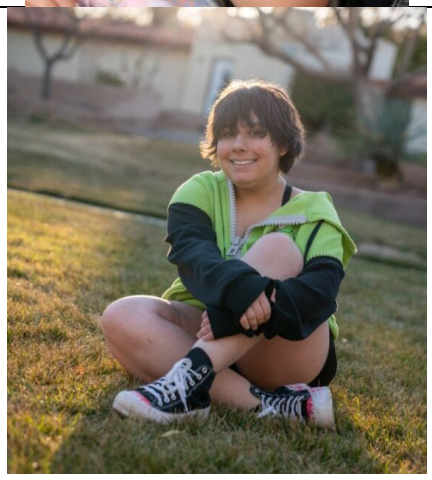


Name: Makayla
Age: 8
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 3rd
Interests: Makayla loves riding her scooter or tricycle. She enjoys practicing her modeling skills, listening to music and signing and dancing along to her favorite songs. She relishes playing with her toys, especially her doll collection. Her favorite subjects are art, gym and music.
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Recruiter: Cally Brown - calbro@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Name: Bryanna** **Age:** 17 **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 yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Jasmine **Age:** 15 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate-Severe **Grade(s): 9th** **Interests:** Jasmine is very outgoing, enjoys playing basketball and loves to draw! Jasmine wishes to have a normal life and remain connected to their connections in a forever home. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Name:** Kailani **Age:** 10 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Highly Moderate **Grade(s): 4**th **Interest:** Kailani has a caring heart and is quick to offer comfort to someone in need. She finds joy in being creative and working on art projects. Kailani thrives in social settings and makes friends wherever she goes. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov

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	**Name:** Teaunna **Age:** 16 **Emotional/Developmental Level:** Moderate Grade: 10th **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. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter**: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name**: Sofia **Age**: 9 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical**: Moderate-Severe **Interests**: Sofia loves water and is always on the lookout 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. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter**: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Tabitha **Age:** 13 **Emotional/Developmental Level:** Moderate/Severe **Grade:** 8th **Interest:** Tabitha enjoys listening to alternative rock music in her spare time. Their favorite foods are dino nuggets and french fries. Tabitha is looking forward to learning how to play the guitar. They enjoy hanging out with their friends and playing games on the tablet and making arts & crafts. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Name:** Tristen **Age:** 13 **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:** Olivia **Age:** 9 **Grade:** 3rd **Interests:** Enjoys swimming, playing outside, dancing and watching cartoons on Disney. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Damaris Mendoza **Email:** Damaris.mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Kalliopy (Kalli) **Age:** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level**: Mild/Moderate **Grade:** 8th **Interests:** Kalli is known for exceptional creativity. She excels in making handmade jewelry and artistic projects. Kalli designs and creates costumes and jewelry from scratch and has a flair for putting in the perfect personal touch! **Legal Status:** Legal Risk **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Name:** Genesis **Age: 12** **Emotional/Behavioral:** Moderate-Severe **Interests**: Genesis likes to paint her nails, coloring, watch YouTube videos and play dress up. She enjoys chicken nuggets & Oreo milkshakes. Some of her favorite movies are Wicked, The Descendants, and Zombies 2 and 4. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Heavenly **Age: 13** **Emotional/Behavioral:** Moderate-Severe **Interests**: Heavenly loves fashion and dressing up in high heels for fun. Her favorite foods are pizza, McDonalds, spaghetti, chicken wings and enjoys a snack at the end of the day. Heavenly's favorite subject is math. Karaoke, craft supplies and Disney movies make her the happiest! **Legal Status:** Legal Risk **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

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SINGLE BOYS



Name: Azaya
Age: 9
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 5th
Interests: Azaya loves to draw and read. His favorite book is "Dragon Ball Z." He likes to spend his free time on his tablet too! He loves to try new games and become a master at them. Azaya enjoys watching movies with his current foster family. His favorite movie is Sonic #3.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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Name: Christian
Age: 8
Medical Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 2nd
Interests: Christian enjoys being outdoors whether it be riding his bike or jumping on a trampoline. He loves playing with his toy cars and enjoys learning everything he can about automobiles. When he grows up one day, he would like to be a police officer.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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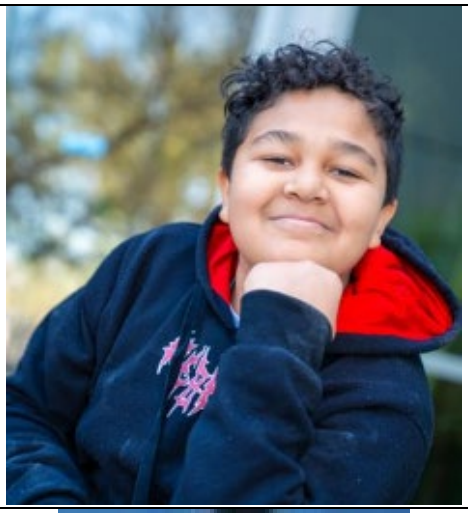
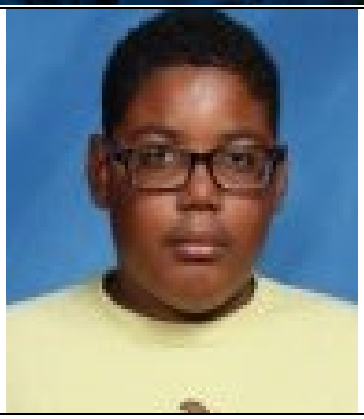


Name: Yasir
Age: 11
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 4th
Interests: Yasir loves to ride his bike outside. He enjoys playing soccer or basketball in his free time. If he must be indoors, you can find him drawing and coloring or playing his favorite Roblox game.
Legal Status: Legally Free
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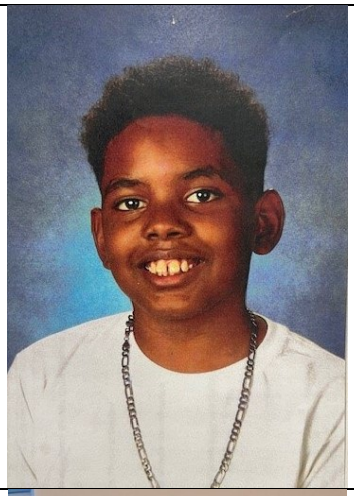
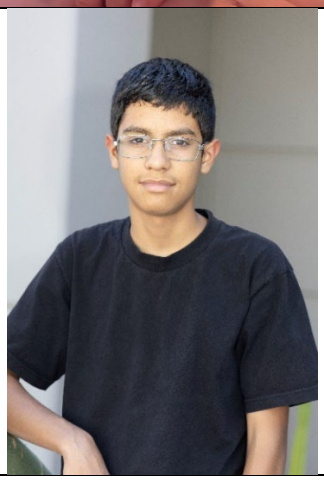
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	**Name:** Luke **Age:** 17 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 12th **Interests:** Luke enjoys watching television shows like The Simpsons, Family Guy and Bob's Burgers. He also likes playing video games, going out to eat, and riding his bike. While Luke loves using technology, he needs supervision while being online. He identifies his strengths as being a "good friend" and is that he can be helpful at home and at school. He hopes someday to learn how to drive a car and obtain a job in the future. **Legal Status:** Legal Risk **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Jordan **Age:** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 9th **Interests:** Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Nathan **Age:** 15 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate/Severe **Grade:** 10th 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 sports, especially basketball. **Legal Statis:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcounty.nv.gov

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	**Name:** Greyson **Age:** 2.5 **Medical Level:** Moderate/Severe **Grade:** Not Applicable **Interests:** Greyson is very happy and cheerful child. He loves big hugs and enjoys laughing and has a big personality. He is always curious and enjoys exploring. He is a very loving and kind child. His favorite shows are Paw Patrol and Bluey. **Legal Status:** **Legally Free** **Recruiter: Karen Blomquist** **Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov**
	**Name:** Jesse **Age:** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate/Severe **Grade:** 9th **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:** Darryl **Age:** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 8th** **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:** David **Age:** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 7**th **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
	**Name:** Oscar **Age:** 13 **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**: David **Ages**: 13 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical**: Mild-Moderate **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. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter**: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov

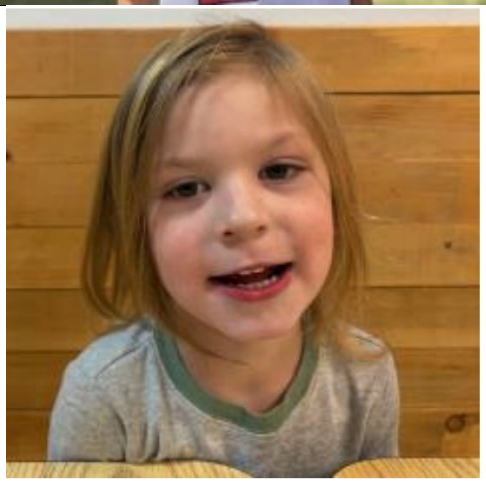
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	**Name**: Alizhion'e **Age**: 10 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical**: Moderate **Interests**: Ali is a very active guy. He loves soccer, basketball, football and playing outside. He loves Ninja Turtles. He is described as in touch with his emotions and is smart. He is a love bug who thrives with attention. He has ample energy and prefers to stay busy. He is an extrovert and loves to talk to people. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter**: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Cashis **Age:** 16 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** 11th **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
	**Names:** Paul **Age:** 14 **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

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	**Name**: Zaden **Age**: 6 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical**: Moderate **Interests**: 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
	**Name:** Cardier **Age:** 2 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Mild **Interests:** Cardier is a sweet toddler with a bright curiosity about the world around him! At this stage of life, every day is an adventure, and he is learning and growing through each new experience. He enjoys recognizing familiar faces and often greets them with warm smiles that light up the room. **Legal Status: Legal Risk** **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Steven **Age:** 14 **Medical Level:** Moderate **Grade:** 9th **Interests:** Steven is an avid reader, mainly about cars, and he also enjoys the "A Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series. You can also find Steven playing his Nintendo Switch, learning about cars, and playing card games such as Go Fish and War. His favorite fictional character is Thor from Marvel, though his superpower of choice would be superspeed! Steven's ultimate goal is to become a race car driver or a mechanical engineer, owning his own car one day, preferably a Mustang. He desires a family that is kind, physically active, travels, likes to celebrate traditional holidays, and issues reasonable consequences. **Legal Status: Legally Free** **Recruiter: Karen Blomquist** **Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov**

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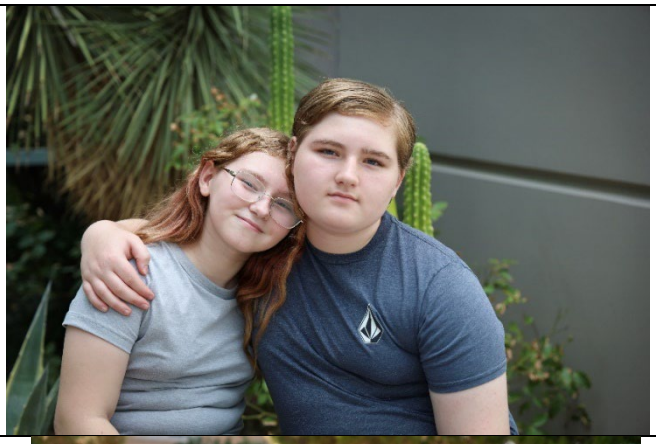
	**Name:** Curry **Age:** 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Interest:** Curry has a very active personality and loves being outside. Chicken fingers and McDonald's are Curry's ideal meals. He is very interested in jewelry, watches, Jordans, and fashionable outfits. Curry strives to be independent and is known to be a caring and kind child with caregivers. He thrives during one-on-one attention. **Legal Status:** Legally free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Derrick **Age:** 15 **Emotional/Behavioral:** Moderate **Interests**: Derreck likes playing with magnets, listening to music and building things like forts. He also enjoys his iPad likes to offer to help. He finds great interest in how thing are made and their functionality. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Emerson **Age:** 5 **Grade:** Pre-K **Emotional/Behavioral:** Moderate **Interests**: Emerson is an energetic boy with a passion for hot wheels and Legos! He is very affectionate and loves giving and receiving hugs. He enjoys eggs, pancakes and fruits for breakfast. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

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SIBLING GROUPS



Names: Peter and Anthony
Ages: 15, 12
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
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Names: Brayden and Alexia
Ages: 16 and 15
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 11th and 9th grade
Interests: Brayden enjoys playing his video games, water parks, movie theaters, and visiting his sister. Alexia is outgoing and talkative. She loves to be the center of attention. She also enjoys trivia and telling jokes!
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Kerri Salomon
Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov



Names: Donnese and Constance
Ages: 13 & 12 **Grade:** 5th & 6th
Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate
Interests: Donnese and Constance are very social siblings and take pride in their friendships. Donnese has a very outgoing personality and wants to find a loving home. He is an expert in board games and Constance likes to help any way she can. Her favorite animals are horses. Like her brother, she enjoys board games.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza
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Names: Jourdan, Ja'Nayla, and Jasiah
Ages: 15, 9, and 7
Grades: 9th, 2nd, 1st
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild to Moderate
Interests: Jourdan loves to play video games, read books and be outdoors with his friends. Ja'Nayla is looking forward to being a girl scout this year. You might catch her jumping on her trampoline at home or spending the day shopping with her foster mom. Jasiah wants his future family to know that he loves everything Spiderman! Jasiah is like the energizer bunny – he loves to be active and stay busy!
Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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Names: Katrion and Kailani
Ages: 10 & 7
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Mild
Grades: 5th & 2nd
Interests: Katrion excels at sports and enjoys science and math related school activities. He expresses interest in attending schools that focus on science and technology.
Legend enjoys playing outside with friends and participating in sport activities. Legend is known to never turn down the opportunity to show his creativity through artwork!
Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Kerri Salomon
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Names: Delmar and Anna
Ages: 11 & 8
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grades: 5th & 3rd
Interests: Delmar is a kind-hearted and thoughtful boy who is always ready to lend a helping hand to those around him. He is respectful with adults and authority figures, and his natural ability to make others laugh allows him to uplift those around him. Delmar enjoys playing games on his tablet. He has a strong appreciation for creativity, with art being his favorite subject in school.

Anna is a bright and spirited girl who naturally steps into leadership roles and thrives in social settings. She enjoys connecting with others, especially her peers, and easily builds positive relationships with both children and adults. Anna has a vibrant personality and loves expressing herself through dance. She enjoys playing games on her tablet and spending time with her friends. Her favorite color is pink, and she adores kittens.
Recruiter: Kerri Salomon
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Names: Matthew, Layla and Lisa
Ages: 10, 8 and 5
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Mild-Moderate
Interests: Matthew is an outdoorsy guy and loves to spend time outside. He enjoys soccer, basketball, swimming and riding his scooter. He has dreams of becoming a professional soccer player. He is the first friend to stick up for someone in need and is described as caring and empathetic. Layla is a born leader and loves to share tales of her adventures with an audience. She is a girl who enjoys helping and is described as a great listener. She loves to play dress up and hopes to one day meet a real princess at Disneyland. Lisa loves to dress up in a tiara and tutu and dance to her favorite music. She is described as talkative and a burst of energy. She has dreams of becoming a princess when she grows up and hopes to find her forever home.
Legal Status: Legally free
Recruiter: Cally Brown
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Names (Ages): Jameer (13), Javon (12), Tyler (11), Trevonte (10), Dream (8), David (7)
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 6th, 5th 4th, 1st grade
Interest: This sibling group keeps busy! Sports, reading, drawing, video games, park adventures, helping around the house and watching TV on a lazy day, all at once you'll find they love it all. From goals of becoming a professional You-Tubers, to playing football, building Legos – they all have the same wish to be together in an adoptive home!
Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford
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