

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.

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Single Girls

	<p> Name(s): Brianna Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 8th Interests: hair, nails, makeup. Loves candy, Coca-Cola, chips, playing card games, and singing. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Gabriela Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Heavenly Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe. Grade(s): 9th for 2022-2023 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: Becky Robinson ROBINSBJ@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Gabriella Ages(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 8th grade for 2022-2023 School Year Interest: Song writing, singing, eating Mexican food, interest in philanthropic activities, reading Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Becky Robinson ROBINSBJ@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>



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	<p> Name(s): Miracle Ages(s): 10 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 5th Interest: Singing, reading, arts and crafts Legal Status: Legally free Recruiter: Melissa Salazar Salazarm@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Saniya Ages(s): 12 y/o Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 6th 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 karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Truly Ages(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild to Moderate Grade: 2022-2023 7th Interest: Talking on the phone and using the internet, reading, spending time with friends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Becky Robinson ROBINSBJ@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(S): Jaela Age: 10 Grade: 2021-2022 School year, 4th grade </p>

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	<p> Name(s): Leah Ages(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild to Moderate Grade: 8th Interest: Talking on the phone and using the internet, reading, spending time with friends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name: Kendra Age: 8 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade: 3rd Interest: Enjoys participating in gymnastics, basketball, playing with friends, spending time with her brothers and sister. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>



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	<p>Name(s): Makayla</p> <p>Ages(s): 5</p> <p>Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe</p> <p>Grade: She is in a Pre K school program and her favorite subjects in school are gym class, art, and music.</p> <p>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 a little small for her age and is working on communicating her wants and needs to her caregivers.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legal Risk</p> <p>Recruiter: Alyssa Bradley Lyssa@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Bryanna</p> <p>Ages: 14</p> <p>Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe</p> <p>Grade: 9th grade for 2022-2023 school year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally free</p> <p>Recruiter: Gaby Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

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	<p> Name: Willow Age: 7 Emotional/Behavioral Level: <i>Moderate to Severe</i> Grade(s): 2022-2023 School Year- 2nd grade Interests: Willow likes keeping her toys and shoes in a neat straight line, playing with squishy toys, and she especially enjoys toys that make noise. Willow can also be found enjoying the Trolls movie, singing, dancing, and playing on the playground at school. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name: Kierrah Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Severe Grade(s): 7th grade Interests: Kierrah loves sports and being active. Kierrah enjoys riding skateboards and visiting the skate park. She really enjoys being outdoors. She loves Kobe Bryant. Her favorite times of the year are Halloween and Christmas. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name: Bailee Age: 11 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Mild Grade(s): 6th grade Interests: Bailee is a sweet, bright girl with interests in fun facts, pop music and TikTok dances. She also enjoys Disney movies. She loves animals. She is intrigued with learning different languages. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov </p>

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	<p> Name(s): Mariah Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th Interests: Mariah loves getting her hair done, makeup, nail polish, watching videos, making tik tok videos, dances, having friends over, making new friends, cooking and baking sweets. Mariah likes to bake cakes and prefers vanilla cake. She dislikes chocolate and prefers skittles and fruity drinks/juices. She wishes to go to Hawaii one day. She enjoys spending time with her brother on the weekends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Chaden Age(s): 5 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): PK Interests: Chaden like to swing herself really high on the swings, playing video games, play with her dolls and watching happy movies. She is described to be a "happy little kid." She is very talkative. She loves to eat all types of foods. Legal Status: LEGAL RISK Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>

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Single Boys

	<p> Name(s): Matthew Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade(s): 6th Interests: YouTube, Rap music, Swimming, basketball, playing games on his phone, watching movies and TV. Matthew wishes to go one day fishing in Australia. He loves spending time with his sister on the weekends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Brayden Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade(s): 7th grade Interests: Video games, water parks, movie theaters, keeping in contact with his sister. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Jayden Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th grade Interests: Video games, you tube, sushi, watching movies, dogs. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Liz Sanchez Liz.Sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov </p>




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	<p> Name(s): William Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate - Severe Grade(s): 8th Interests: Video games, snacks, watching movies, sports Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Alyssa Bradley Lyssa@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Paul Age(s): 11 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe. Grade(s): 5th grade Interests: Video games, riding bikes, swimming, remote control cars, snacks, watching movies, sports, picking out his outfits. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Gabriela Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Cyrus Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th Interests: Flag football, music Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Liz Sanchez Liz.Sanchez@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>




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	<p> Name(s): Damien Age(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 10th Interests: Playing with remote control cars and playing on his tablet. Damien is looking for his forever home and longs for a permanent family. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Nathan Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 7th Interests: Any form of technology – very savvy on the internet, likes to read Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Allen Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild to Moderate Grade(s): 7th Interests: Loves to play with bubbles, loves to bounce and swing. Allen also enjoys eating snacks and anything with teriyaki sauce. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>




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 	<p> Name(s): Preston Age(s): 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 2021-2022 school year; 6th 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; he drew this picture free-hand! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Becky Robinson ROBINSBJ@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>
	<p> Name: Curry Age: 8 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 3rd grade for the 2022-2023 school year 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. Curry is always up to go to the local theme park for thrills. When the weather or time only allows for indoor play, this kiddo turns to coloring and favors red and black. The characters from Paw Patrol make him smile; dogs are by far his favorite animal. Chicken fingers and McDonald's are Curry's ideal meals. Invisibility would be his hope for a superpower. Curry strives to be independent and is known to be a caring and kind child with caregivers. This fellow's aspirations for the future come with financial goals: "If I save my allowance every month, I will be a rich grown-up!" Legal Status: Legally free Recruiter: Gaby Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>

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	<p> Name(s): Justice Age(s): 7 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 2nd Interests: Very active, loves to play sports, enjoys science Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> 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 </p>
	<p> Name: Isaiah M. Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 5th Interest: Video Games, football, YouTube Videos, reading, and basketball. "I like to read and learn new things". Favorite school subject is Social Studies. Isaiah is developmentally on track, can advocate for himself and let his likes and dislikes known. Legal Status: Legally free Recruiter: Gaby Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>

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	<p>Name: Knowledge Age: 9 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 2022-2023 School Year, 3rd Grade Interest: Knowledge loves cars, Fast and Furious movies and toys, he is an avid Lego builder, and he has memorized all CAT bus schedules. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Liz Sanchez Liz.Sanchez@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Angel Age(s): 5 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate - Severe Grade(s): 1st Interests: Angel is timid when he meets new people. He is a generous, kind, forgiving and loving child. He engages and plays well with other children his age. He requires lots of one-on-one attention and affection. He loves spiderman, learning games on his laptop, and spending time with his caregivers. Legal Status: Legal Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>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</p>

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Sibling Groups

 <p>Darryl, David, Yonathan</p>	<p> Name(s): Yonathan, Darryl, David, Age(s): 11, 8, 9 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade(s): 5th, 3rd, 1st Interests: Sports, playing outside, swimming, video games Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name(s): Hakeem and Samira Age(s): 15, 12 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Mild - Severe Grade(s): 10th, 6th Interests: Both Samira and Hakeem do very well in school and like challenging themselves. Samira is an animal lover, is starting a track team in school and likes to sing. Hakeem likes to draw and journal. They both like to watch Netflix and YouTube. Hakeem likes to engage in sports and Samira likes to listen to music. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>

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	<p> Name(s): Aaron and Mariella Age(s): 8 and 6 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate - Severe Grade(s): 2nd and 1st grade Interests: Mariella is friendly, sweet, and talkative. She thrives on attention and positive praises. She loves having tea parties, playing with her dolls, and spending time with caregivers. She can be a little sassy and bossy at times. Aaron is kind, friendly and silly. He loves to ride his bike, look at books, and play with his toy cars. He primarily engages in independent play. Legal Status: Legally Risk Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford Yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov </p>
	<p> Name: Mazi, Marlo, and Mario Age: 3,5,6 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild to Moderate Grade: 1st (Mario) Interest: Mazi and Marlo love playing with action figures, superheroes, puzzles, racing cars, very social, helpful, watching shows on PBS. They are not school aged yet. Mario is very creative, enjoys helping his foster parents with tasks around the home, loves Sushi and Chinese food, and wants to be a scientist when he grows up. All of the boys are very sweet and playful. They would like to have a strong, male father figure in the home. Legal Status: Legally free Recruiter: Gaby Garcia Gabriela.Garcia@ClarkCountyNV.gov </p>

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	<p>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: Tiffany Culverson CulverTM@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Names: Jakhari and Londyn Ages: 12 & 10 Interests: Jakhari: enjoys science and computers and having family dinners on Sundays Londyn: singing and creating her own clothing line Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Tiffany Culverson Culvertm@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/adoption_program/index.php
-Search Adoption Profiles

RAISE THE FUTURE WEBSITE:

<https://www.raisethefuture.org/>

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ADOPTUSKIDS WEBSITE:

<https://adoptuskids.org/>

-search Nevada