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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):** 14 **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):** 15 **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: Kerri Salomon** **Email: Kerri.Salomon@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: Kerri Salomon** **Email: Kerri.Salomon@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:** Karen Blomquist **Email:** karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Truely **Ages(s):** 15 **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 liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Zariyah **Age(s):** 13 **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 Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: **Island** Age: 6 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

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	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: **Yesenia Crawford** **yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov**
	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: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez**@clarkcountynv.gov**
	Name: **Samira** Age: **15** 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

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	**Name:** Selena **Age:** 14 **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:** Karen Blomquist **Email:** karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Chaslyn **Age(s):** 16 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate - Severe **Grade(s):** 9th, **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! **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Kierrah **Age: 15** **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate - Severe **Grade(s): 8**th 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**

	**Name(s):** Heavenly **Age(s):** 15 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe. **Grade(s): 9**th 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:** Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Single Boys

	**Name(s):** Ayden **Age:** 13 **Grade:** 7th **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
	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: **Kerri Salomon** Email: **Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov**

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	**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:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**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: Kerri Salomon** **Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov**

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	**Name: Curry** **Age: 9** **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):** 11 **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
	**Name(s):** Justice **Age(s):** 8 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 3rd **Interests:** Loves to play sports and do arts and crafts **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:** 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 french fries. **Legal Status: Legal Risk** **Recruiter: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov
	Name: **Mar'Leno** Age: **6** Emotional/Behavioral Level: **MODERATE** Grade: **K for the 2022-2023 school year** 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. He thinks his teacher is the best. His favorite character is lightning McQueen.** Legal Status: **LEGALLY FREE** Recruiter: **Yesenia Crawford** yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Jonaven **Age: 15** **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate-severe **Grade:** 10th **Interest:** Jonaven loves basketball, video games, YouTube and socializing with his friends! **Legal Status: Legally Free** **Recruiter: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**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. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**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. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Yonathan **Age**: 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate - Severe **Grade(s):** 8th **Interests:** Sports, playing outside, swimming, video games **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Name: Myckael** **Age: 16** **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate-severe **Grade:** 10th **Interest: Myckael** loves basketball, video games, YouTube and socializing with his friends! **Legal Status: Legally Risk** **Recruiter: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez**@clarkcountynv.gov**

	**Name(s):** Darryl **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate - Severe **Grade(s):** 6th **Interests:** Sports, playing outside, swimming, video games **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Sibling Groups

	**Name(s): Emilia, Peter, Anthony** **Age(s):** 14, 12, 9 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Mod **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 Liz.Sanchez @clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Name:** Ja'Dynn & Tabitha **Age:** 12, 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate-severe **Grade:** 10th **Interest:** These girls love makeup, YouTube and playing with their friends. They enjoy camp and watching movies. **Legal Status: Legally Free** **Recruiter: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Jesiah and Jenai **Age(s):** 11 and 9 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE **Grade(s):** 5th and 4th **Interest:** Jesiah loves to learn about geography and math. He also enjoys playing on his tablet during his free time. Jenai is a free spirit – who loves to sing and dance. She also enjoys art and drawing. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Name:** Norma, Axell & Natasha **Age:** 12, 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Mild **Grade:** Kinder, 2nd **Interest:** Cartoons, Disney and playing outside are what makes these kids happy! **Legal Status: Legally Free** **Recruiter: Liz Sanchez** liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov

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ADOPTUSKIDS WEBSITE: https://adoptuskids.org/ -search Nevada