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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.

If you are interested in any of these children, please email:

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SINGLE GIRLS



Name(s): Miracle
Ages(s): 13
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
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Name: Bryanna
Ages: 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(s): Jasmine
Age(s): 14
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
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Name(s): Kailani
Age(s): 10
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Highly Moderate
Grade(s): 4th
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



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



Name: Teaunna
Age: 15
Emotional/Developmental Level: Moderate
Grade: 9th
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

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	**Names**: Sofia **Ages**: 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**
	**Name(s):** Saniya **Ages(s):** 17 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade:** 10th **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



Names: 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

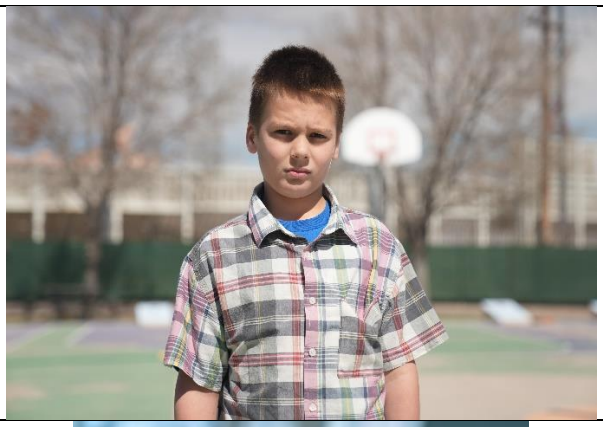
SINGLE BOYS



Name(s): Luke
Age(s): 16
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe
Grade(s): 11th
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
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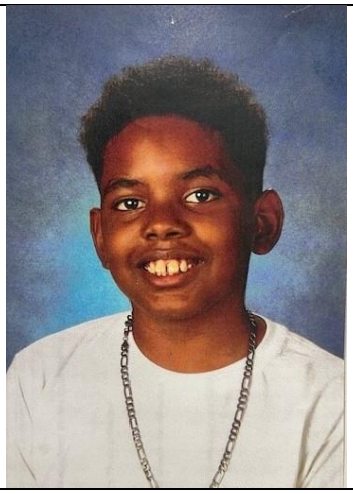
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	**Name(s):** Jordan **Age(s):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe **Grade(s):** 8th **Interests:** Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov
	**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:** Nathan **Age:** 15 **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

	**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 **s**hooting 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): 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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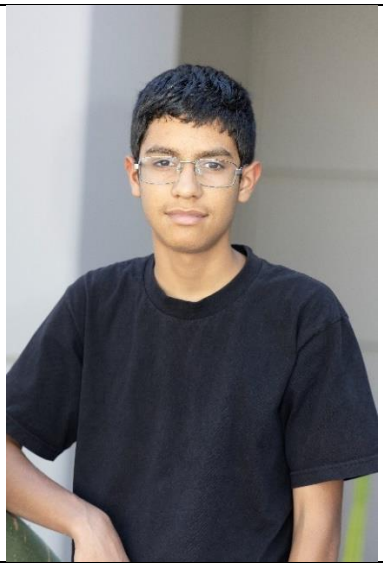
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	**Name(s):** David **Age:** 12 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 7**th **Interests:** David is kind, charismatic and smart. He enjoys playing outside and is athletic playing football and basketball. He is creative and likes to build 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:** 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):** 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**

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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
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Names: 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
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Names: Alizhion'e
Ages: 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
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	**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**: Zaden **Ages**: 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

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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@clarkcountnv.gov



Name: Brayden and Alexia
Age: 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: Ky'rah, Kayvion, Kamari, Kahlil
Ages: 3, 2.2, 1.5, 1 month
Emotional/Behavior: 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: Legally free
Recruiter: Cally Brown
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	**Names:** Derrick and Genesis **Ages:** 14y and 11y **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:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Cally Brown CalBro@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Names:** Donnese and Constance **Ages:** 12 & 11 **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 Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Names**: Blossomly, Sophia, Angel and Eileithyia **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! Eileithyia 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. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter**: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**Names:** Cristal, Ragnar and Lorelei **Ages:** 10, 8, and 6 **Emotional/Behavioral, Medical:** Moderate **Interests:** Cristal enjoys drawing and painting and has a strong love for reading. Ragnar loves soccer, riding his scooter and his favorite color is red. He enjoys helping others in any way he can. Lorelei enjoys playing with dolls and has a particular fondness for chicken nuggets. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Damaris Mendoza Damaris.mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Maverick and Solace **Age(s):** 4 & 6 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** Kinder and 1st grade **Interests:** Maverick enjoys school, books being read to him and the color red. He loves to learn facts about animals and what they eat. Solace's favorite color is pink, she enjoys playing with her toys and having her brother by her side. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon Kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Jourdan, Ja'Nayla, and Jasiah **Age(s):** 14, 9, and 7 **Grade(s):** 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 **Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov**

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Names: Khyairr'King, Qwintaylen, Qwintayla
Ages: 3, 1 y/o twins
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: Mild-Moderate
Interests: Khyairr'King is described as loving and sweet. He loves to play outside, play basketball, watch the movie Cars and play with monster trucks. Qwintayla likes to play with dolls and loves to hear people sing and watch them dance. She likes gospel music and nursery rhymes. She is attached to her blankie and enjoys being picked up and getting attention. Qwintaylen loves taking baths, playing the drums and watching cartoons. Taylen loves to eat and has a big appetite. He has a love for music like his twin sister.
Legal Status: Legal Risk
Recruiter: Cally Brown
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Name(s): Katrion and Kailani
Age(s): 10 & 7
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Mild
Grade(s): 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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CLARK COUNTY WEBSITE: https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/divisions/adoption_program/index.php -Search Adoption Profiles
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