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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: DFSFindMyForever@clarkcountynv.gov

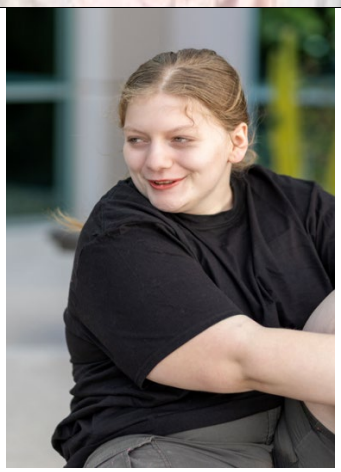
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SINGLE GIRLS



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



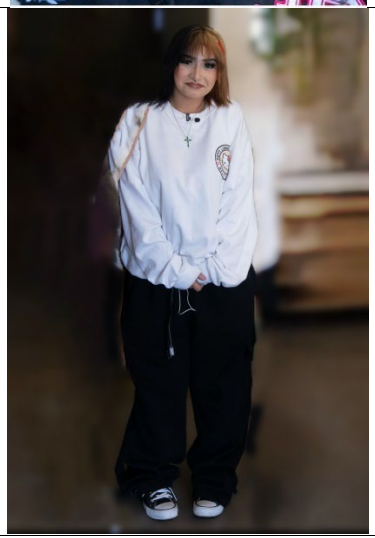
Name(s): Erica
Ages(s): 15
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 9th
Interest: Anime, Baking, Art.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter Karen Blomquist
Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov



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
yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

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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):** Jenai **Age(s):** 10 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE **Grade(s): 5**th **Interest:** Jenai is a free spirit – who loves to sing and dance. Her face lights up with joy when she is listening to music. She also enjoys art and bubbles. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Name(s):** Emily **Age(s):** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** SEVERE **Grade(s):** 9th **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

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	**Name**: Gabriela **Age**: 10 **Emotional/Behavioral Needs**: Moderate/Severe **Interests:** Gabriela likes to play with her stuffed animals and put on shows. She enjoys singing, dancing, and art projects. Gabriela is creative and loves the opportunity to participate in any craft project. **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**: Melodi **Age**: 14 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level**: Moderate to Severe **Grade**(s): 9th **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:** Legally Risk **Recruiter**: Karen Blomquist KarenBlomquist@clarkcountynv.gov



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
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SINGLE BOYS

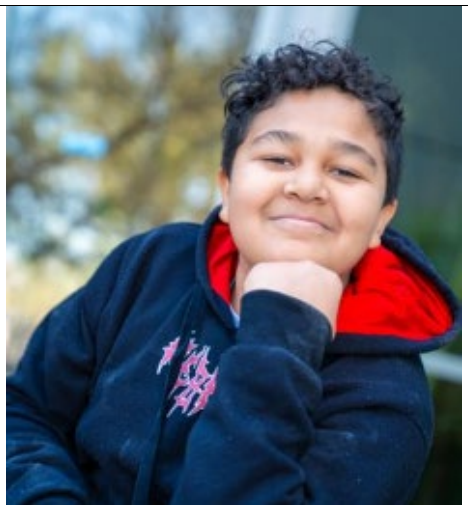


Name: Brayden
Age: 15
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 10th grade
Interests: Brayden enjoys playing his video games, water parks, movie theaters, and visiting his sister.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Kerri Salomon
Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov



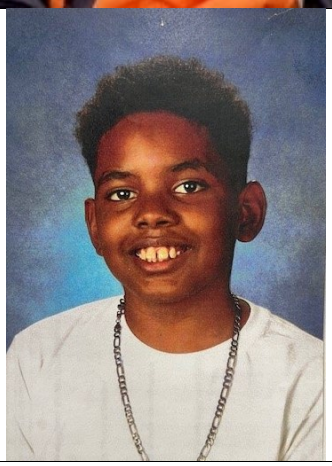
Name(s): Jordan
Age(s): 12
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe
Grade(s): 6th
Interests: Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov

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	**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:** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate/Severe **Grade:** 8th 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):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** 8th **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

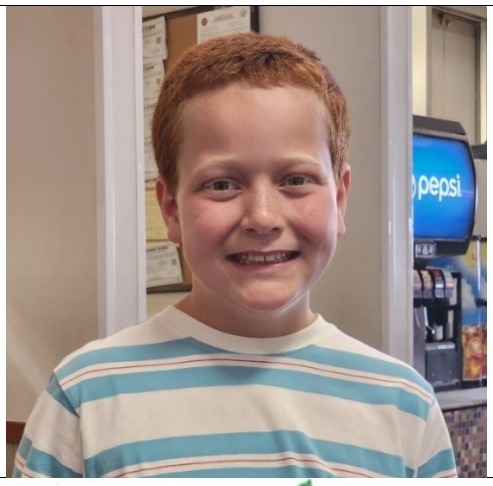
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	**Name(s):** Yonathan **Age**: 15 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 10th** **Interests:** Yonathan enjoys **s**hooting hoops, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name(s):** Darryl **Age:** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 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
	**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. **Recruiter:** Damaris Mendoza Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov

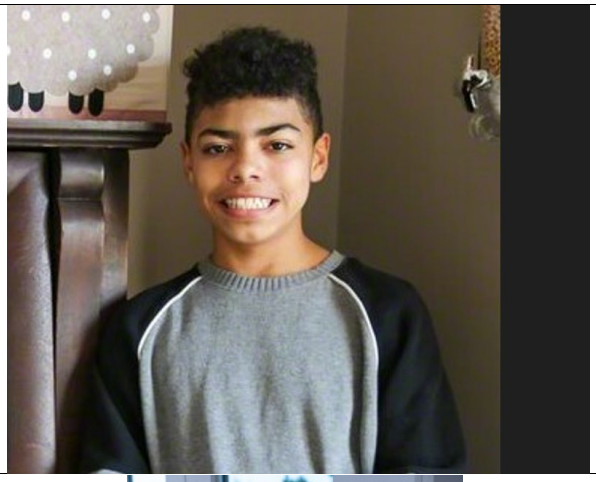
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	**Name(s):** Airick **Age(s):** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE **Grade(s):** 9th **Interest:** Airick is a master of complex lego constructions. He also is a skilled and competitive player with board games and video games. In his down time, he enjoys a good graphic novel. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov
	**Names:** Paul **Ages:** 12 **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):** 14 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s): 9th** **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: 7**th **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

SIBLING GROUPS



Name(s): Peter and Anthony
Age(s): 14, 11
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 8th, 5th
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(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
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	**Name(s): Jeremiah, Johnathan, Cameron** **Age(s):** 11, 10, 9 **Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Mild/Moderate **Grade(s):** 5th, 5th, 4th **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@clarkcountnv.gov
	**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

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	**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
	**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. **Legal Status**: Legally Free **Recruiter**: Cally Brown calbro@clarkcountynv.gov

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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
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