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EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL LEVELS OF NEEDS

Mild: Characteristics of individuals with mild emotional disability: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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:

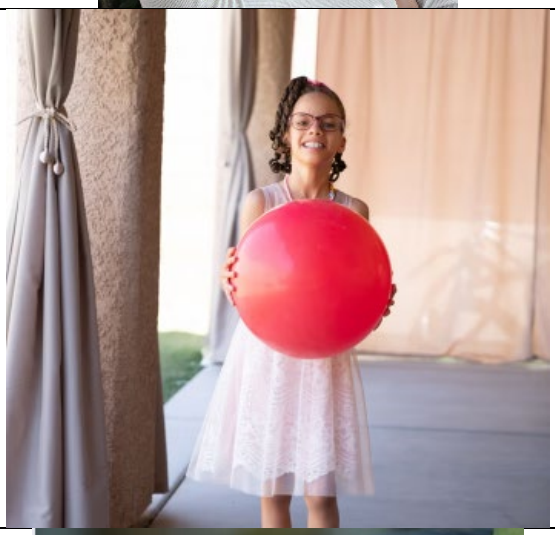
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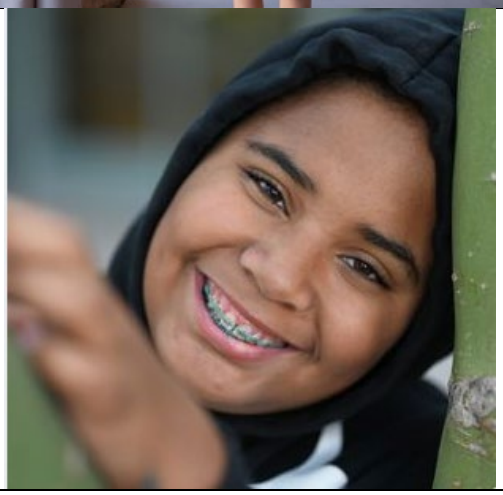
SINGLE GIRLS



Name: Miracle
Ages: 14
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe
Grade: 9th grade for 2026/2027 school year
Interest: Miracle loves to sing and dance. She really enjoys reading anime books. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza
Email: Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov



Name: Makayla
Age: 10
Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 5th
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



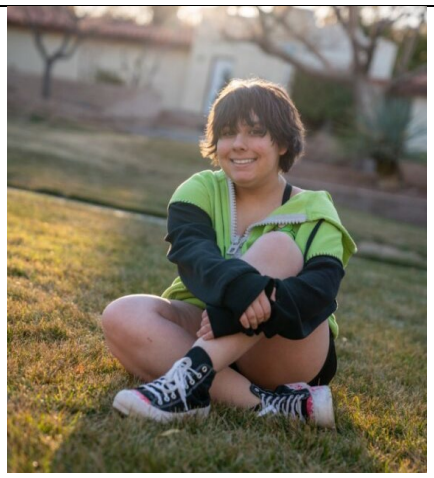
Name: Jasmine
Age: 15
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate-Severe
Grade(s): 9th
Interests: Jasmine is very outgoing, enjoys playing basketball and loves to draw! Jasmine wishes to have a normal life and remain connected to their connections in a forever home.

Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford
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	**Name:** Kailani **Age:** 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Highly Moderate **Grade(s): 5**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
	**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**: 10 **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

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	**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:** 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:** 9th **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
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Name: Heavenly
Age: 12
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!
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SINGLE BOYS

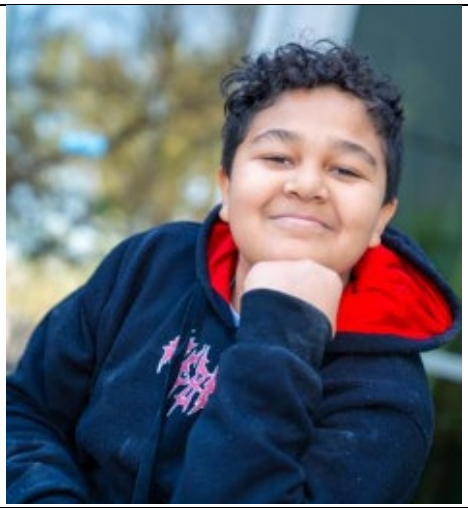


Name: Azaya
Age: 9
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade(s): 5th
Interests: Azaya loves to draw and read. His favorite book is "Dragon Ball Z." He likes to spend his free time on his tablet too! He loves to try new games and become a master at them. Azaya enjoys watching movies with his current foster family. His favorite movie is Sonic #3.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Karen Blomquist
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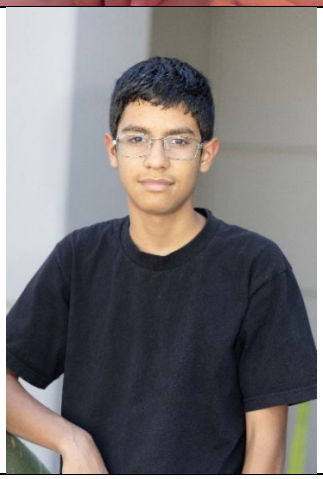
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	**Name:** Yasir **Age:** 11 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** 4th **Interests:** Yasir loves to ride his bike outside. He enjoys playing soccer or basketball in his free time. If he must be indoors, you can find him drawing and coloring or playing his favorite Roblox game. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **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:** 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): 9th** **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:** David **Age:** 13 **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **Grade(s):** 8th **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

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	**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
	**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

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	**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
	**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

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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



Name: Curry
Age: 12
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 is known to be a caring and kind child with trusting 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.
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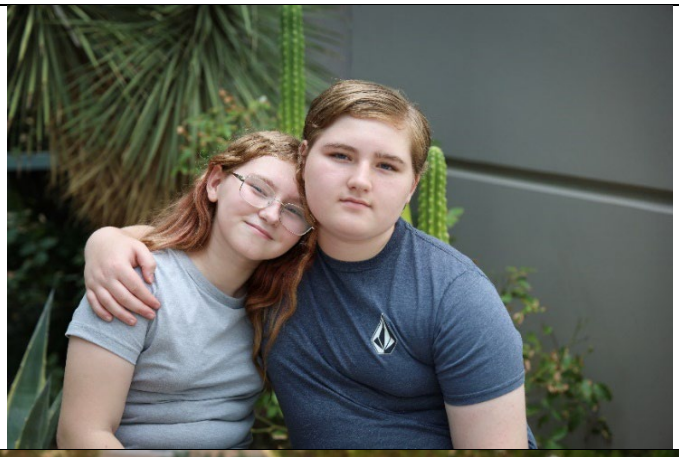
	**Name:** Tyrione "TJ" **Age:** 15 **Grade:** 10th **Interests:** Tyrione "TJ" is a charming, self-assured and friendly young man with a great sense of humor. TJ enjoys all sorts of sports, with basketball being his favorite and he loves playing any chance he gets. He also has a passion for playing a wide variety of video games. **Legal Status:** Legally Free **Recruiter:** Damaris Mendoza Damaris.mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Name:** Kane **Age:** 3 **Emotional/Behavioral/Physical:** Moderate-Severe **Interests**: Kane is described to be very social, an extrovert, and playing well with other children, and is sweet. He loves to cuddle, give hugs and makes people laugh. Kane likes to touch and explore everything, he loves being in the water, taking wagon rides, riding a guided bicycle, playing with toys and flipping through books. **Legal Status:** Legal RISK **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): 10th, 7th
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
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Names: Donnese and Constance
Ages: 13 & 12 **Grade:** 6th & 7th
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. She loves art, cooking and K-Pop. Her favorite animals are horses.
Legal Status: Legally Free
Recruiter: Damaris Mendoza
Damaris.Mendoza@clarkcountynv.gov

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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. 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. **Legal Status:** **Legally Free** **Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov
	**Names (Ages):** Jameer (13), Javon (12), Tyler (11), Trevonte (10), David (7) **Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate **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 yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov

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Names: Dante and Kyla
Ages: 8 and 6
Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate
Grade: 3rd and 1st

Interests: Dante has a lively and fun-loving spirit. He is known for his great sense of humor and big smile. Dante is into playing sports and excels with athletic activities. He is always up for shooting hoops on the court or kicking a ball around on the soccer field.

Kyla has an outgoing nature and enjoys laughing and telling jokes. She is a strong leader amongst her peer group and siblings. Every day is an adventure for Kyla and she enjoys being active. Her top favorite activity is dancing to her favorite music. Kyla never turns down the opportunity to do make-up and nails with her best friends. Dante and his sister Kyla will be adopted together & are hopeful for a home with pets.

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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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