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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 | |
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|  | **Name(s): Chevelle "Chevy"**<br>**Ages(s): 2**<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** N/A<br>**Medical Needs:** Moderate/Severe<br>**Grade:** Specialized School for learning - PK<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter: Karen Blomquist**<br>**Email:** karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Gabriella<br>**Ages(s):** 16<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Severe<br>**Grade:** 10th grade for 2024-2025 School Year<br>**Interest:** Gabby enjoys writing, singing, eating Mexican food, interest in philanthropic activities, and reading<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter: Kerri Salomon**<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Saniya<br>**Ages(s):** 15<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe<br>**Grade:** 9th<br>**Interest:** loves to play outside with peers, play on her iPad, dance and sing and paint her nails.<br>**Legal Status: Legally Free**<br>**Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist<br>**Email:** karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |

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|  | **Name(s): Erica**<br>**Ages(s):** 15<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade:** 9th<br>**Interest:** Anime, Baking, Art.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter** Karen Blomquist<br>Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Name: Bryanna**<br>**Ages: 15**<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe<br>**Grade:** 10th grade<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally free<br>**Recruiter:** Liz Sanchez<br>liz.sanchez@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Zariyah<br>**Age:** 13<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate-Severe<br>**Grade(s):** 6th<br>**Interests:** Zariyah 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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist<br>Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |

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|  | **Name:** Kierrah<br>**Age: 15**<br>**Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate - Severe<br>**Grade(s):** 8th grade<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford<br>**yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov** |
|  | **Name(s):** Heavenly<br>**Age(s):** 16<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe.<br>**Grade(s):** 11th for 2023-202 4School Year<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford<br>yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Jasmine<br>**Age(s):** 13<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade(s): 7th**<br>**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! She loves getting her hair and nails done!<br><br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford<br>yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov |

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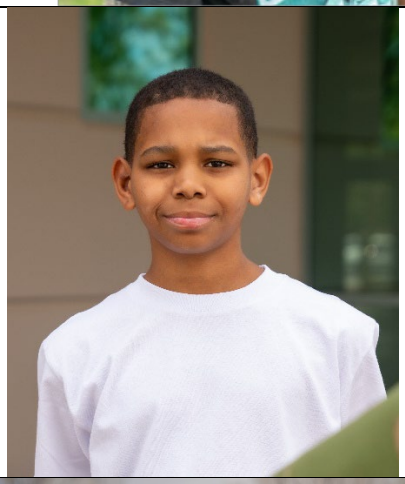
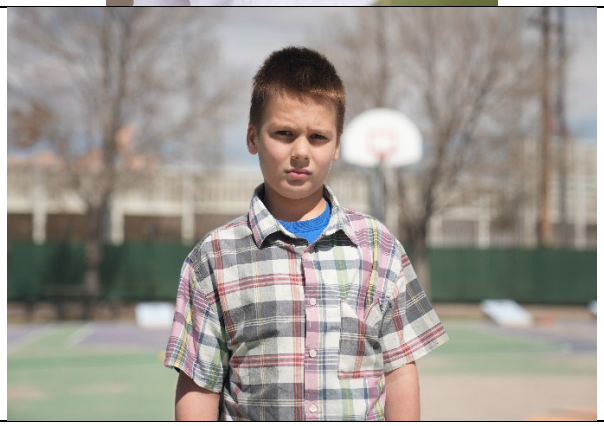
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|  | **Name(s):** Jenai<br>**Age(s):** 10<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE<br>**Grade(s): 5**th<br>**Interest:** Jenai is a free spirit – who loves to sing and dance. Her face lights up with joy when she is listening to music. She also enjoys art and bubbles.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon **Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Emily<br>**Age(s):** 14<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** SEVERE<br>**Grade(s):** 9th<br>**Interest:** Emily loves perfecting her make-up techniques and thrives in social settings. She also enjoys cuddling with her favorite canine.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | Name: **Legacy**<br>Age: 9<br>Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: **Moderate – Severe**<br>Grade(s): 3rd<br>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.**<br><br>Legal Status: **Legally Free**<br>Recruiter: **Yesenia Crawford**<br>**yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov** |

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|  | **Names:** Tristen<br>**Age:** 12<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade:** 6th<br>**Interest:** Enjoy arts and crafts, sweet treats and playing with her friends. Tristen is a bubbly girl who loves to talk!<br>**Legal Status:** **Legal Risk**<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | Name: **Olivia**<br>Age: 7<br>Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate<br>Grade(s): 2nd<br>Interests: Olivia is a huge Taylor Swift fan; she loves singing and dancing along to the Era's Tour on the TV. Olivia enjoys rolling around in her scooter and enjoys spaghetti the best. She knows all her letters, knows one word sign language, and uses her iPad to communicate her needs.<br><br>Legal Status: Legal Risk<br><br>Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford<br>yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov |

## SINGLE BOYS

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

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|  | **Name(s):** Jero'Sean<br>**Age(s): 11**<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate -Severe<br>**Grade(s):** 2024-2025 school year; 6th grade<br>**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!<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Preston<br>**Age(s):** 15<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade(s):** 9th grade<br>**Interests:** Preston enjoys learning to skate board. Preston is also a talented artist. He is known to create crafts as gifts for others. Preston loves attention and says he is interested in having a mom and dad who will actively engage in activities with him..<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Jordan<br>**Age(s):** 12<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate to Severe<br>**Grade(s):** 6th<br>**Interests:** Loves science projects, playing sports, playing video games.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist<br>karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |

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|  | **Name:** Christopher<br>**Age:** 15<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE<br>**Grade:** 9th<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford<br>yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Name:** Jesse<br>**Age:** 12<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate/Severe<br>**Grade:** 6th<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia Crawford<br>yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Name:** Nathan<br>**Age:** 13<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate/Severe<br>**Grade:** 8th Grade<br>**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.<br>**Legal Statis:** **Legal Risk**<br>**Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist<br>Karen.blomquist@clarkcounty.nv.gov |

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**Name:** Adam
**Age: 15**
**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
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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
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**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
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|  | **Name(s):** Yonathan<br>**Age**: 14<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade(s): 9**th<br>**Interests:** Yonathan enjoys **s**hooting hoops, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Darryl<br>**Age:** 12<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate<br>**Grade(s):** 6th<br>**Interests:** Darryl is a lover of sports and video games. He also enjoys playing outside with his buddies.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name(s):** Airick<br>**Age(s):** 13<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE<br>**Grade(s):** 9th<br>**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.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>**Email:** Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |

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**Name:** Mar'Leno
**Age:** 7
**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** MODERATE
**Grade:** 2 for the 2024-2025 SY
**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 and cars. He enjoys watching Disney Movies.
**Legal Status:** LEGALLY FREE
Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford
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## SIBLING GROUPS



**Name(s): Emilia, Peter, Anthony**
**Age(s):** 14, 12, 10
**Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level:** Moderate
**Grade(s):** 9th, 7th, 4th
**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:** Kerri Salomon
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**Name:** Ja'Dynn & Tabitha
**Age:** 13, 12
**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Moderate
**Grade:** 6th
**Interest:** These girls love makeup, YouTube and playing with their friends. They enjoy camp and watching movies.

**Legal Status:** **Legally Free**
**Recruiter:** Karen Blomquist
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|  | **Name(s):, Jayden and Jayon**<br>**Age(s): 6 & 6**<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe**<br>**Grade(s): Kindergarten**<br>**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.<br><br>**Legal Status: Legally Free**<br>**Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford**<br>**yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov** |
|  | **Name:** Gabriela & Oscar<br>**Age:** 9 & 11<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Severe<br>**Grade:** 4th, 7th<br>**Interest:** Gabriella loves Princess Peach, coloring and dancing to music. Oscar loves snacks and watching cartoons on the weekends!<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri Salomon<br>Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Name:** Dior & Dontrey<br>**Age:** 9 & 11<br>**Emotional/Behavioral Level:** Mild-Moderate<br>**Grade:** 8th & 6th<br>**Interest:** Dior and Dontrey love anime, video games and comic books! They aspire to be an artist and a professional football coach one day!<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter: Liz Sanchez**<br>liz.sanchez**@clarkcountynv.gov** |

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|  | **Names:** Neveah and Eli<br>**Ages:** 10y and 5y<br>**Emotional/Behavioral**: **Mild-Moderate**<br>**Interests:** Neveah loves having fun and playing with her OMG dolls. Eli is energetic always happy and smiling. He loves to watch TV. He is very observant and questions everything. He greets visitor with hugs and excitement.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Yesenia - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov |
|  | **Names:** Paul, Johnathan, Jeremiah, Cameron<br>**Ages:** 12, 11, 10, 9<br>**Emotional/Behavior:** Moderate and Mild<br>**Interests:** Paul loves to entertain others with his dancing and singing. He also loves to shop! Johnathan is quick to help out someone in need and enjoys riding his bike and playing video games. Jeremiah is easy going and generous. He would love a home with pets. Cameron is playful and has a fun-loving spirit. He looks up to his big brothers and loves to compete with them.<br>**Legal Status**: Legally Free<br>**Recruiter:** Kerri.Salomon@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Names:** Josue, Jordan, Jesse<br>**Ages**: 13, 10, 8<br>**Emotional/Behavior:** Moderate/Mild<br>**Interests:** Josue loves to play soccer and listen to music. He hopes to be a professional soccer player one day! Jordan is also sporty. He enjoys playing basketball and soccer. Jordan has a ton of energy – always on the go! Jesse is active – and enjoys a variety of activities – dodgeball, basketball, soccer, and football. He hopes one day to have a big house and a Lamborghini in the future.<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |

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|  | **Names:** Ky'rah, Kayvion, Kamari, Kahlil<br>**Ages**: 3, 2.2, 1.5, 1 month<br>**Emotional/Behavior:** Mild/Moderate<br>**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!<br>**Legal Status:** Legally Free<br>Recruiter: Karen Blomquist<br>Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov |
|  | **Names**: Anna Delmar<br>**Ages**: 6 and 10<br>**Emotional/Behavioral**: Mild-Moderate<br>**Interests**: Ana loves to build Legos, make paper airplanes and any crafting with glue and scissors to create masterpieces. Delmar is a helpful big brother. He enjoys building things and wants to be an astronaut one day.<br>**Legal Status**: Legally Free<br>**Recruiter**: Yesenia - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov |

| **Please feel free to check out the websites below for more information:** |
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| **CLARK COUNTY WEBSITE:**<br>https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/family_services/divisions/adoption_program/index.php<br>-Search Adoption Profiles |
| **RAISE THE FUTURE WEBSITE:**<br>https://www.raisethefuture.org/<br>-Click children we serve<br>-Click meet waiting children<br>-search Nevada |
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