

Profiles of Special Needs Children in Recruitment



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.

If you are interested in any of these children, please email: DFSFIndMyForever@clarkcountynv.gov.

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SINGLE GIRLS

	<p>Name(s): Gabriella Ages(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Severe Grade: 10th grade for 2024-2025 School Year Interest: Gabby enjoys writing, singing, eating Mexican food, interest in philanthropic activities, and reading Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Saniya Ages(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade: 9th 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</p>
	<p>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</p>

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	<p>Name: Bryanna Ages: 15 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</p>
	<p>Name(s): Zariyah Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate-Severe Grade(s): 6th 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. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Jasmine Age(s): 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 7th 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! Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

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	<p>Name(s): Jenai Age(s): 10 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade(s): 5th 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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name: Chevelle "Chevy" Age: 3 Medical Need: Moderate/Severe Interests: Chevy loves dances to music and explore her surroundings. She is a chatter box and loves to seek her peers and caregivers out for attention. She loves Minnie Mouse and Cocomelon. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Email: Karen.Bломquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>Name: Delisrose "Rosie" Age: 9 Emotional/Behavioral Needs: Moderate/Severe Interests: Rosie enjoys spending time outside riding her bike and likes to play on her tablet. Her family is important to her, and she is excited to find her forever home. She also enjoys visiting with her little brother. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Email: Karen.Bломquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name: Melodi Age: 14 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): 9 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@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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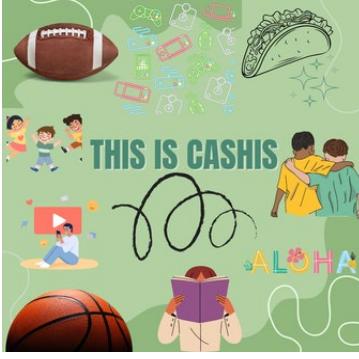
SINGLE BOYS

	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name(s): Preston Age(s): 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th grade 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. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>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</p>

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	<p>Name: Christopher Age: 15 Emotional/Behavioral Level: MODERATE Grade: 9th Interest: Christopher has a big interest in rocks, and anything related to the study of rocks. He likes to play video games and eat all kinds of food. He enjoys playing basketball with his friends and going to the skate park. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Jesse Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Severe Grade: 7th 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</p>
	<p>Name: Nathan Age: 13 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate/Severe Grade: 8th Grade Interests: Nathan enjoys playing video games like Fortnite 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 Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.blomquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name(s): Yonathan Age: 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th Interests: Yonathan enjoys shooting hoops, swimming, playing video games and hanging out with friends. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Darryl Age: 12 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 6th Interests: Darryl is a lover of sports and video games. He also enjoys playing outside with his buddies. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name(s): Keimonie Age(s): 16 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild Grade(s): 11th Interest: Keimonie loves to participate in football and wrestling. He also enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to music in his down time. Keimonie gets along well with adults and peers. He would love a home with a strong male role model. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Kerri Salomon Email: Kerri.Salomon@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>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 Email: yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>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@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>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.Bломquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Names: Jayceon Ages: 10 Grade: 5th Emotional/Behavior: Mild/Moderate Interests: Jayceon enjoys playing outside and riding bikes. You can also catch him playing sports like basketball or football with his friends. In his free time, he also likes playing video games on his tablet, especially Roblox. Legal Status: Legal Risk Recruiter: Karen Blomquist Karen.Bломquist@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>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</p>
	<p>Name(s): Matthew Age(s): 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate Grade(s): 6th 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</p>
	<p>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</p>

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	<p>Name(s): Steven Age: 13 Grade: 7th 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</p>
	<p>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</p>

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SIBLING GROUPS

	<p>Name(s): Emilia, Peter, Anthony Age(s): 15, 13, 10 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical Level: Moderate Grade(s): 9th, 7th, 4th</p> <p>Interests: Emilia 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.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free</p> <p>Recruiter: Kerri Salomon kerri.salomon@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name(s): Jayden and Jayon Age(s): 6 & 6 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Moderate to Severe Grade(s): Kindergarten</p> <p>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 likes to draw, color and play with toy cars.</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free</p> <p>Recruiter: Yesenia Crawford yesenia@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>Name: Dontrey & Dior Age: 11, 14 Emotional/Behavioral Level: Mild-Moderate Grade: 8th & 6th</p> <p>Interest: Dior and Dontrey love anime, video games and comic books! They aspire to be an artist and a professional football coach one day!</p> <p>Legal Status: Legally Free</p> <p>Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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	<p>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 </p>
	<p>Names: Ky'rah, Kayvion, Kamari, Kahlil Ages: 3, 2.2, 1.5, 1 month Emotional/Behavioral: 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@clarkcountnv.gov</p>
	<p>Names: Derrick and Genesis Ages: 13y and 10y Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate- Severe Interests: Derrick 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 - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

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	<p>Names: Zarianna and Za'LAYIA Ages: 10 and 8 Emotional/Behavioral: Moderate Interests: Zarianna enjoys using her imagination to have fun! She loves to prance around like a cheetah, which also happens to be her favorite animal. She really enjoys playing with magna tiles and other sensory stimulating toys. Za'LAYIA is an empathetic, sweet and caring little girl. She is often the first to step up and help others, make sure those around her are okay and comforting someone if they seem hurt or upset. Her favorite animals are dogs and cats – she would absolutely adore having a pet in the home to play with. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>
	<p>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: Yesenia - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>
	<p>Names: Donnese and Constance Ages: 12 & 11 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: Yesenia - Yesenia@ClarkCountyNV.gov</p>

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	<p>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</p>
	<p>Names: Remi and Serenity Ages: 11 and 4 Emotional/Behavioral/Medical: mild-moderate Interests: Remi is a ball of energy and loves to dance and make TikToks. She adores seafood and spicy foods. This girl is a helper and would love to try new recipes in the kitchen. Serenity is a happy and loving gal. She loves her seafood and pasta. She makes friends everywhere she goes and can't wait to meet Minnie Mouse at Disneyland again. Legal Status: Legally Free Recruiter: Cally Brown- calbro@clarkcountynv.gov</p>

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