

BLAZE

PIPELINES2 Persona Series

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Five year old, Blaze, attends TK at a Community College Child Development Center where her mom is a student. She lives with her mom and younger sister who is 2 years old. The primary language spoken in the home is English, and her mom, who is multilingual, adds in words and concepts in Spanish, French, and Sign Language. Blaze's dad is not involved in her life, but she does visit her paternal grandparents.

Blaze's mom and dad are in the process of divorcing due to domestic violence in the home, which Blaze witnessed on multiple occasions. Blaze has been diagnosed with a disfluency disorder, stuttering, and ADHD. Her mom reports that the symptoms associated with both disabilities have increased.

In the classroom, Blaze likes to be the leader in her friend group and prefers to be engaged in hands-on learning. She is very attentive during circle time, can spell her name, say her name in all 4 languages and can count to 10. One of her very favorite things is *Bluey*, and she also enjoys riding her bike and scooter.

Blaze is doing very well in the center, there are some challenges with transitions and loud noises, specifically when children raise their voices or speak in a loud tone. She will cover her ears and sometimes begin to shake. She also struggles with multiple step instructions and her eyes will glaze over while her teacher is explaining to her.

