

Meet the AMAZE Persona Dolls

AMAZE person dolls are handcrafted by Minnesota artists. Their identity stories are created by members of the community the doll represents.



Allana

"Hi, I'm Allana. Sometimes I live with my dad and step-mom and sometimes I live with my mom. I like having two houses, but sometimes I miss the parent I'm not with. I love being part of a big family. We have so much fun celebrating holidays and meeting at pow wows. Some of my favorite things are music and telling stories."

Antonio

"Hola. Me llamo Antonio. Hablo español y inglés. I have two older brothers and two older sisters. My big sister Beatrice takes care of me when my parents and Abuelita are busy. She's in the military, and I miss her when she's gone. I love to play outside on the playground. I'm learning to pump really high on the swings, and I play soccer with my dad and my brothers."



Choua

"Nyob zoo. My name is Choua. I'm a little shy and don't like loud noises. I speak Hmong, English, and American Sign Language. My little sister was born with ears that don't hear very well, so I speak sign language with her. My grandma doesn't speak sign language, so I speak Hmong with her. One of my favorite things to do is play with the blocks and build things."

DeShawn

"Hello. My name is DeShawn. I'm almost four. I live with my two moms, Mama Sharon and Mama Jen. We have a big back yard that I can play in. I also like to ride my bike and play with the kids in my neighborhood. I like wearing glasses, because they help me see better, but I have to be careful not to break them."



Leela

"Hi, I'm Leela. I live with my parents and baby sister. I like having a little sister, but sometimes she cries a lot. When I'm at school I like to write and draw. Every year my family gets to ride on an airplane and visit my grandparents in India. My family is vegetarian. My favorite show is Sesame Street, because they have a character who's Hindi, like me."



Madison

"I'm Madison. I'm almost five. I used to live with my mom, but she had a hard time taking care of me. I lived with a foster family for awhile, but now I live with my grandma. We live in a trailer park, and I like having so many kids to play with. My grandma is really good at sewing, and she can make the clothes my cousins give me fit just right."

Nick

"My name is Nick. I live at my dad's house part of the time and my mom's apartment the other times. I like that I get alone time with both of them. I don't have any brothers or sisters, but I have lots of cousins to play with. I like to tell stories, and I'm really good at puzzles. Sometimes I get mad when other kids are loud or mess with my stuff."



Rahma

"Hi, I'm Rahma. I speak two languages, English and Somali, but my mom can speak four languages. She is helping me learn Arabic. I like the stories she tells me about growing up in Somalia. We live in an apartment with my auntie and her two kids. There are lots of other kids to play with too. One of my favorite things to do is read books."

Sam

"My name is Sam. Something special about me is that I'm adopted. I live with my mom and dad, and sometimes I stay with my two grandpas. They call me "why girl," because I always want to know things. My family is Jewish. I love to run and climb. I like playing with my friends, but sometimes I get mad and say mean things that I feel sorry about later."



Simon

"Hi, I'm Simon. I live with my mom and my grandparents. It's really fun living with my grandparents. My grandpa's name is also Simon, so everyone calls me Little Man. My grandpa takes me on walks in the woods, and we read books together. My grandparents live on the Lower Sioux Reservation, and that's where I go to day care."