Factors Potentially Associated with Childhood Stuttering

Communicative Stressors:
- Negative response to disfluency
- Fast-paced, demanding questioning
- Frequent interruptions
- Competition for talking time
- Rapid rate of conversation

Interpersonal Stressors:
- Major life changes & traumatic events
- Marital & sibling conflicts
- Unrealistic demands
- Fast-paced / unpredictable lifestyle

Child Factors:
- Perfectionistic tendencies
- High degree of sensitivity
- Intense / driven personality
- Other speech/language disorders
- Predisposition to stutter

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Stuttering is a speech disorder that affects children and adults. It is characterized by the repetition, prolongation, or blockage of speech sounds. The causes of stuttering are complex and may involve a combination of genetic, neurological, and environmental factors. Early intervention and support can help children overcome stuttering and improve their speech and communication skills.