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Responses by educational institutions to the addiction of technologies

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Focus

Global efforts to extend the Internet and mobile devices have helped change the way we communicate. Currently, most of the population, but especially young people, communicate mainly through electronic tools and platforms, through online social networks and video games.

The great benefits of social media technology and its uses has consolidated it as a remarkably seductive tool for the young. These qualities include the absence of the need for physical contact for communication and socialization, the possibility of being in contact easily and frequently, also sharing leisure activities simultaneously with a large volume of people, in addition to the technical ease condition to break or suspend relationships and contacts.

Nevertheless, together with these characteristics, the abusive and non-responsible use of technology and social networks also leads to the development of serious problems. Among those highlighted due to their seriousness, are addictions, but we cannot forget others derived from the characteristics of this type of technology. Such as anonymity, easy and quick access, disinhibition and lack of physical contact, which often trigger harmful effects on the mental and physical health of its users.

In this way, the abusive use of this type of technology leads to strong addictions in many adolescents and young people, thereby are currently being considered a public health problem. As such, the institutions, and among them the educational one, must address this social problem in two ways, for its prevention and for its early detection and solution.

Consequently, we find ourselves in deep need to reflect on the responses of educational institutions about technology addiction, particularly of young people and adolescents, hence the importance to be based on the reflection, research and educational experiences, that provide educational-institutional answers to the different scenarios related to technology youth's addiction.

Descriptors

- Educational experiences for the prevention of technological addictions
- Studies and research addictions to technology among adolescents and young people
- Initial and permanent teacher training in relation to addictions in technologies
- Government plans and experiences in the field of prevention of technological addictions
- Analysis and educational experiences in relation to the addiction of online social networks

Questions

Following are some questions to invite the educational community, institutions and researchers to participate in the framework of these general themes.

- How can we prevent technological addictions in youth and adolescents?
- What are the axes that educational institutions must present to give an effective response to the public health problem related to technological addiction?
- Which best educational and institutional practices are referent to promote the sustainable and healthy use of technology among adolescents and young people?
- Can the school meet the challenge of reducing addiction to technology and promote a responsible use of it?
- What do we know in relation to the current situation of research and studies about technological addictions and education?

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