



The Role of Education and the Protection of Children at Risk

**Expert Consultation on Protecting Children
from Bullying and Cyberbullying**

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Context violence in schools

Grades 7th to 12th : Middle and High school (ages 13 to 18)

School system

Outdated teaching
methods

School culture vs
Youth culture

Control based

Male centered

Context of violence

Human Rights Crisis

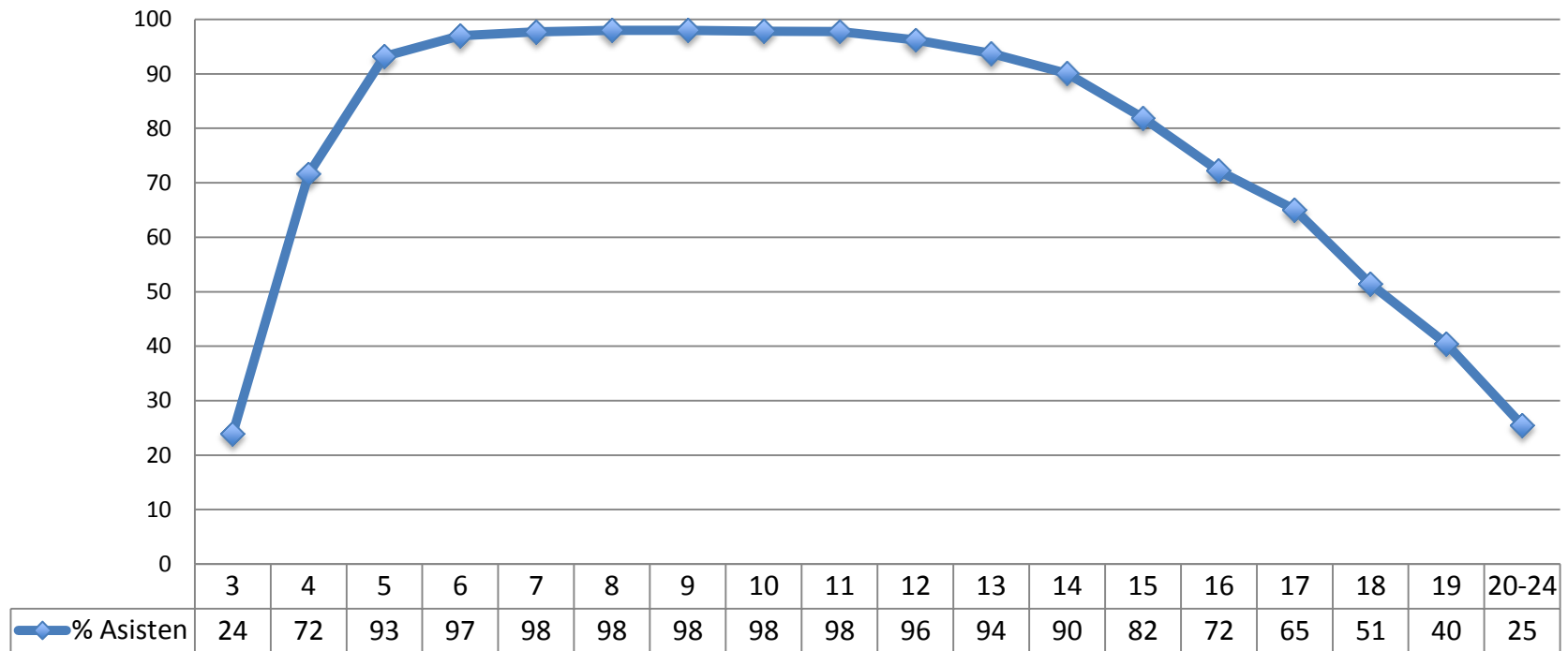
Increase of
Violence and Crime

Corruption

Increase of Poverty

Context violence in schools

School Attendance 3 a 20 years old - México 2015



Age (Years)

Only 3 out of 4 children age 13-18 attend school (75.8%)

School is protection Is better to be in than to be out

- Violence in the transit to school
- Violence in the communities
- The violent context has penetrated schools
 - There's drug dealing inside
 - Corruption among directive personnel
 - Presence of violent groups



Bullying: The Concept

- Considers only peer to peer violence
- Can become a stigma that contributes to criminalizing youth and students
- "Stop bullying" campaigns show little results



Comprehensive framework

- Transform the school environment
 - Relationships
 - Physical environment
 - Learning
- An inclusive school
 - Participation
 - Gender
 - Dialogue



Comprehensive framework

- De-naturalize violences
- Stop looking for the guilty ones: family vs teachers
- Start looking for solutions
- Effective programs that engage students, teachers and families
- Strengthen relationship between school and the community (include local businesses, and other stake holders)



Learning from experiences

- Open spaces for participation: Proposals, actions, leadership
- Change the rules of the game
- Presence of external: NGOs, Volunteers,



Learning from experiences

- Work closely with families: Make them part of the school community
- Personalize attention for at-risk students
- Change the logic of "awards" for a logic of inclusion: Everyone has possibilities and opportunities



School is protection

- School as a “safe space”
- School has the challenge to prepare for life
- a place to work around issues that affect students in society



*Invisible adolescents
and absent public
policies*



Thank you!

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