

Welcome to The Adolescence Net

In this interdisciplinary net take part colleagues belonging from different Iberoamerican Associations and Societies. It starts from the invitation of the Latin-American Pediatric Association Adolescence Committee <http://www.adolescenciaalape.org/> and its aim is to bring forth an exchange place for those that dedicate their effort and daily work to achieve an Adolescents Integral Health.

Website: <http://groups.google.com/group/redadolescencia>.

E-mail address: redadolescencia@googlegroups.com

Access to the Group's Contents: <https://groups.google.com/grphp?tab=mg&hl=es>

Access to the Debates:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=es#!forum/redadolescencia>

- By signing in the Group, you will be able to answer the messages posted by other users or post you own messages or questions.

To facilitate the Debate and intensify the approached topics remember:

- ✓ In e-mails:
 - In the subject: describe the exposed topic.
 - Sign the e-mail sent with: Name and Surname, Country and E-mail Address.
 - Before sending the e-mail verify the address to which is sent.
 - When the content is 'informal': Specify in the subject 'Weekend'.
- ✓ Avoid private communication in the public lists (use private e-mail) in order not to collapse the mailboxes of other participants, with information that only concerns the members involved.
- ✓ Each participant can expose freely her/his opinions without censorship or previous moderation, as long as it doesn't imply disrespect to others group members.
- ✓ It's suggested to edit the profile, this information will be our presentation in the net.
- ✓ The attached documents and files that are shared should be related to the list topic.

- ✓ When you answer a message, don't include the previous message.
- ✓ Remember that in this Group we search to share experiences, reliable and consensual investigation, respect and support.
- ✓ The admission of new members can be proposed to alapeadolescencia@gmail.com
- ✓ Announcements of events related to the list subject or considered of general interest are allowed.
- ✓ It is not permitted the list use with the only purpose of advertisement. The member that uses the list with this only intention, may be dismissed of it without previous advice.

A net: What for? The story of networks:

In February of 2004, a Harvard student named Mark Zuckerberg launched a website named 'thefacebook' as a service to enhance the communication among students. We know the Harvard's elite reputation, a tightly united community in which the contact with other students is almost as important as formal education. In only 24 hours one thousand people joined the project and one month later half of Harvard's student body had created a profile. The service soon widened to other elite universities such as Stanford and Yale. Facebook aimed a preexisting community, based on strong connections in the physical world to create strong exclusive connections in the virtual world.

And what about us? Why shouldn't we feel in this network as in a coffee meeting and promote the communication despite distances? Are we going to be able to see each other through a new lens, taking advantage of these means?

The purpose is to enhance the dialogue and exchange. Many times it seems that technology's cold profile doesn't get along with more cozy means of interaction that we find when we see each other, with verbal communication; and we recognize these means as irreplaceable! The technology can be used as a new language, but first we need to know about it, we have to know what technology can do for us, but above all, what we can do with it. I invite you to take part of this challenge!

Starting is learning to start to participate. If we are willing to understand new languages, we should alphabetize to acquire new tools, abilities and aptitudes. As Seymour Papert would say, *'people build new knowledge with particular effectiveness when they are committed with the construction of personally significant products'*.

Let's keep on creating this net!

Greetings,

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