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Advancing towards a child-centred system to protect educational trajectories in Chile

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This presentation reports on a web-based system for evaluating, monitoring, and developing strategies to promote student engagement and contextual factors created in Chile that was co-designed with children and adolescents.

School engagement (SE) is key for promoting school retention and protecting educational trajectories. SE can be defined as the active participation of students in the educational process, while they are motivated and find their learning meaningful.

SE is a multidimensional construct with affective, behavioural, and cognitive dimensions. SE is highly influenced by contextual factors (CF), mainly family, peer, and teacher support. The literature agrees that systems capable of evaluating, monitoring, and promoting school engagement can help prevent school dropout and promote positive educational trajectories.

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