“Users must be treated as co-developers, in a reflection of open source development .... The open source dictum, 'release early and release often', in fact has morphed into an even more radical position, 'the perpetual beta', in which the product is developed in the open, with new features slipstreamed in on a monthly, weekly, or even daily basis. It's no accident that services such as Gmail, Google ... and the like may be expected to bear a 'Beta' logo for years at a time.”

Tim Reilly, What is Web 2.0, 2005
WHY TECHNOLOGY?

From the beginning, an integral part of the CYFAR mission has been enhancing Technology Literacy

Technology: central and essential part of society, the norm

The Digital Divide is real: slow adopters & poor access translate into the vulnerable, the at-risk, the left behind
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A CYFAR program has adequate information and communication technology infrastructure, and it models effective and innovative applications for professional development, educational programming, online collaboration and publishing.
2013 CYFERNET TECHNOLOGY ROLE

1) Maintain online presence (the CYFERnet website, listservs, social media accounts, webinars) through December 2012

2) Transition to new structure / planned dismantling of functionality
2 CYFAR LISTSERVS

**CYFAR@lists.umn.edu**: open to anyone interested in CYFAR issues, anyone can post. To join this list:

http://www1.cyfernet.org/cyfarlists.html

**cyfar@lyris.nifa.usda.gov**: open to USDA & grantees only
CONNECTING WITH EXTENSION

If you don’t already have one, request an eXtension ID
If you have an eXtension ID, Join our Network and Community
How to do this:  http://www1.cyfernet.org/profnet.pdf

CYFAR Interest Tags: (spelling matters!)

children  growinguppoor
commonmeasures  inclusivity
community  logicmodel
culturalcompetence  middleschool
cyfar  militaryfamilies
cyfarcommunityprojectdirector  militaryyouth
cyfarevaluator  parentfamily
cyfarstateprojectdirector  programdevelopment
cyfernet  schoolage
curriculumdevelopment  socialmedia
earlychildhood  sustainability
evaluation  technology
evidencebasedstrategies  technologyutilizationplan
familyeconomicstress  teen
CONNECT2COMPETE

National multi-department effort to remove barriers to Internet access, especially for low-income families

EveryoneOn: Awareness campaign
http://www.everyoneon.org/

Your Role:

1) Get the word out to eligible low-income families
2) Tech-savvy youth and adults can give back to their community by offering Internet training
3) Contact Jim Kahler for more info: jkahler@nifa.usda.gov
SCP EXPECTATION

to build an appropriate team ... to manage the SCP and to provide technical assistance in planning, implementing, and evaluating the programs .... This team should include Technology ... professionals....

http://www1.cyfernet.org/tech/tech.html
“Integrating technology & the development of technology skills into programs which serve families and communities at-risk is especially important, as typically they have fewer opportunities to learn and apply their learning. ...You need to put technology tools into the hands of program participants to them reach the goals of SCP.”