ORIENTATION 2013

CYFERNet Technology

LIVING IN THE PERPETUAL BETA

"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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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
commonmeasures
community
culturalcompetence
cyfar
cyfarcommunityprojectdirector
cyfarevaluator
cyfartechnologyliaison
cyfarstateprojectdirector
cyfernet
curriculumdevelopment
earlychildhood
evaluation
evidencebasedstrategies
familyeconomicstress

growinguppoor
inclusivity
logicmodel
middleschool
militaryfamilies
militaryyouth
parentfamily
programdevelopment
schoolage
socialmedia
sustainability
technology
technologyutilizationplan
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

QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION?

"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."

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