FFY 2023 PEARS Updates

Several updates have been released in PEARS for the FFY 2023 reporting period. Most updates were made by the Canopy Team who administer PEARS to align with new federal reporting requirements and national priorities. Washington SNAP-Ed also made some updates to help our program with monitoring, linking activities, reporting, and evaluation.

This document will summarize changes. To learn more, please view the recording of the PEARS updates training (a direct link will be included when the recording is available), review the FFY 2023 Evaluation Guidance, or review PEARS Support.

A summary of the updates for FFY 2023 follows:

- **Custom Data** is a new section in all modules. This section will include a required field asking for Local Agency Name and will allow PEARS users to link activities to entries in other PEARS modules. In the Program Activities module, this section will also include a required question asking whether local agencies administered paper or online surveys.

- **Project Name** is a new field in the Program Activities, Indirect Activities, PSE Site Activities, & Social Marketing Campaigns modules. It is a required field. In FFY 2023, both project name and intervention name will have the same dropdown menu, and both fields will be required. This field was added to align with FFY 2023 reporting requirements.

- **Languages** is a new field in the Program Activities, Indirect Activities, & Social Marketing Campaigns modules. This field will default to English.

- **Program Activity General Information fields**
  - Delivery Methods – *Now multi-select with updated options*
  - Sessions – *New section for reporting virtual lessons*
  - Site – *Optional for virtual programming*

- **Demographics** changes appear in the Program Activities module, the “changes adopted” section of the PSE module, and PEARS Impact Dashboards. These following changes were made to align with FFY 2023 reporting requirements:
  - Gender: male, female, nonbinary, prefer not to respond, unknown
  - Age: seniors broken into two age groups: 60-75 years and 76 years or older. PEARS users also have the option to report youth participants either all together in the 5-17 years range or report by subgroup: 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-13 years, 14-17 years.

- **PSE Module Partners** is a new section in the PSE module that will allow linking to any Partnership record within the same reporting period as the PSE Site Activity. The Partners section will *not* copy forward when copying one or more PSE Site Activities to a new reporting period.