

## Changes in SPARQ - Release 7.0

This release focused on high availability of SPARQ and the continued integrity of the data in SPARQ. These were achieved by introducing the read only functionality, providing new edits and / or modifying existing edits, and capturing relevant data for support services. Below is a synopsis of the modifications implemented, but you may click [Release 7.0 features](#) for details of the changes.

### SPARQ - High Availability

- SPARQ will be available in **read-only mode** to users when releases are being deployed to the system. This allows the users to generate reports and view participants' data. Users will however, not be able to make changes to participants' data. When the system is in read-only mode, the following links will be unavailable:
  - Submit Files
  - Transfer/Change
  - DL Extension
  - Authorized Positions

### Data Integrity

In order to make the application easier to use and to preserve the integrity of the data; changes were made to the edits in the following sections:

- Assignment Information
- Contact / Supervisor Information
- Customer Service Survey Information
- Employer Information
- Enrollment Information
- Exit Form
- Follow-up Information
- Host Agency Information
- Placement Information
- Training Information
- Waiver of Durational Limit

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### New Fields

- **Participant assigned to** (field 16) has been added on the Assignment Information form. This will be used to track the type of entity to which a participant is assigned. The valid options for this field are:
  - i. Grantee or sub-recipient/local project
  - li. Workforce partner
  - lii. Other host agency

#### Users should:

- Select “i. Grantee or sub-recipient/local project” if the participant works for your grant or a sub-recipient or local project associated with your grant. If you choose this selection you will also need to select E1. Project Administration in “Community Service Assignment” (field 17). You will be allowed to save the record if “CSA wage” (field 16a.1) and/or “Number of hours per week assigned” (field 16a.2) are not completed; however, a warning will appear on the DQR and in the EDQP.
- Select “ii. Workforce partner” if the participant is assigned to a workforce partner. If you choose this selection, you will be allowed to save the record if “CSA wage” and/or “Number of hours per week assigned” are not completed; however, a warning will appear on the DQR and in the EDQP.
- Select “iii. Other host agency” if neither option i. nor ii. applies. If you choose this selection, do not complete “CSA wage” and “Number of hours per week assigned.”

The field “CSA wage (per hour)” is now labeled 16a.1 and “Number of hours per week assigned” is labeled 16a.2.

### Support Services

- Is a new tabular section that captures the types of support services provided to the participant, the date(s) the services were provided and by whom. This information has been added to the Assignment Information form.