

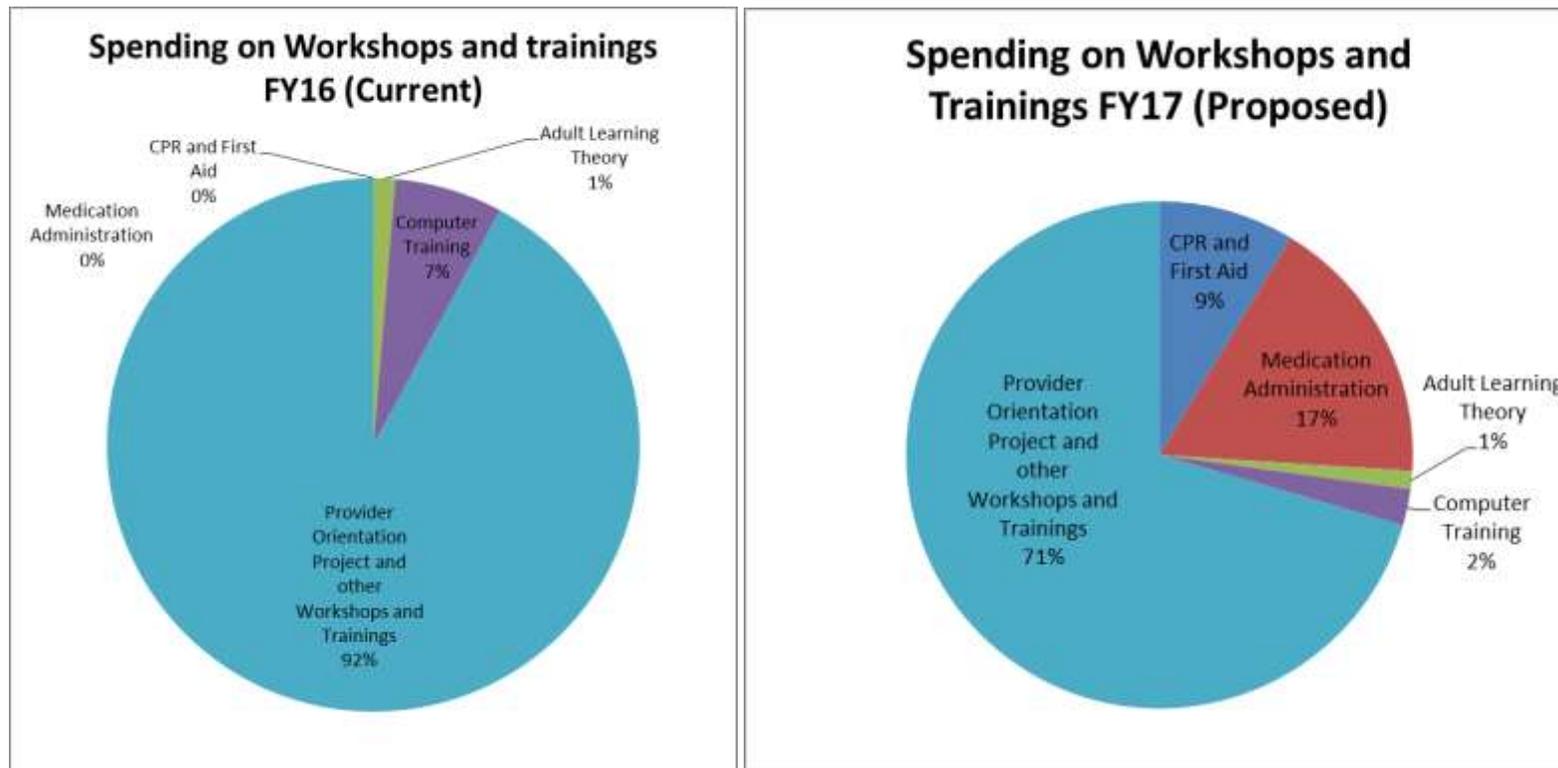
Shifts in Funding

The implementation of a statewide Quality Improvement System, has required the OEC to shift funds from several small contracts into a few consolidated contracts to ensure alignment, increase efficiency and coordination, and reduce the administrative burden. Additionally, the OEC is shifting funds to be able to provide quality support to a greater number of programs, even with existing and proposed budget reductions.

Between fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017, the overall amount of funds expected to be available for quality improvement initiatives is expected to be reduced by approximately \$1M. However, the amounts for direct delivery of four categories of spending: 1) individualized supports (learning cohorts, coaching, and consultation), 2) workshops and trainings, 3) online trainings and webinars, and 4) credit bearing courses will remain relatively constant.

Spending within the categories of “Workshops and Trainings” and “Individualized Support” reflects some shifts in priorities.

Workshops and Trainings: There is an increased commitment to support the costs of CPR, First Aid, and Medication Administration in-person trainings. This reflects the funds available per the SEIU union contract for professional development and the desire to deliver support to Care4Kids providers as required by new planned Federal requirements of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).



Individualized Support: There is an increased commitment to provide coaching and consultation to programs to improve trauma-based practice, particularly for homeless children, and to increase support for licensing compliance and attainment. This is accompanied by a slight reduction in funds for accreditation support in order to deliver support to Care4Kids providers as required by new planned Federal requirements of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

