

**Recommendations Note recommendations are not included in any specific order based on prioritization)**

**1A. Topic: Knowing what is and is not possible for data mining**

1B. A future commission meeting should include discussion on the data source(s) used to complete the fiscal scan, including detail on availability, timelines, and limitations.

The Fiscal Scan is based on the State of Illinois fiscal year enacted budget as recorded in the Illinois Interactive Budget available from the GOMB website, [www.Budget.Illinois.gov](http://www.Budget.Illinois.gov). Commissioners want to better understand the information available in the Illinois Interactive Budget. This knowledge will help inform their recommendations for additional analysis to be incorporated into future Fiscal Scans. During calendar year 2025, at least one commission meeting should include discussion on the data source(s) used to complete the fiscal scan, including detail on availability, timelines, and limitations. YBC Commissioners should receive a demonstration on the Illinois Interactive Budget to better position them for future analysis and recommendations

**2A. Topic: Engaging youth; Centering youth voice in assessing program impact**

2B. The Commission wants to establish a process to more intentionally engage both 1) the youth that participate in and benefit from and 2) the leadership of state agencies that fund the adolescent programs and services referenced in the Fiscal Scan. The Commission believes there are opportunities to work collaboratively to produce quality analysis and more relevant and responsive recommendations. During calendar year 2025, the Commission will identify select budget programs included in the FY24 Fiscal Scan to be discussed by youth, providers operating the program, and /or state agencies funding the program. Youth representatives, providers operating the program, and /or state agencies funding the program will be invited to speak on the subject.

**3A. Topic: Increasing awareness and utilization of the Fiscal Scan**

3B. The Commission wants to promote stakeholder awareness of and utilization of its Fiscal Scan. During calendar year 2025, the Commission will discuss potential outreach activities to promote the scan. As YBC meeting agendas expand to include presentations from select state agencies delivering the programs and services cited in the Fiscal Scan, stakeholder collaboration should naturally evolve. The commission may also consider developing a quick reference scan summary or user guide to aid stakeholders in utilizing the Fiscal Scan to heighten awareness of adolescent budget priorities.

**4A. Topic: Benchmarking across other states**

4B. The YBC Commission intends to compare budgets for adolescent programming and services in Illinois to other states. During calendar year 2025, a commission meeting should include discussion with relevant stakeholders to better understand how other states and jurisdictions are benchmarking adolescent funding and/or the outcomes of adolescent programs and services. If the Commission recommends specific benchmarks be used for Illinois, future fiscal scans would include those national and/or peer state benchmarking metrics.