Eating Away At Gender

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FACTS

- 71% of transgender respondents have been diagnosed with an eating disorder Eating disorder research among trans* people began in 2013.
- Youth who experienced more frequent harassment and discrimination were more likely to have eating disorder symptoms, while those who could draw on protective resources were less likely.
- Sizeism and fatphobia can greatly impact trans* folx gender dysphoria and access to gender affirming health care.

RESOURCES

- Trans Folx Fighting Eating Disorders while mostly defunct, they maintain their social media presence and are discussing a virtual ED support group.
- ThirdwheelED Two queer perspectives on eating disorders.
- How Fatphobia Impacted My Gender Identity by J on Comfy Fat Blog
- The Gender Non-Conformity Of My Fatness by Caleb Luna on TBISNAA
- Food Psych Interview with Caleb Luna
- Food Psych Interview with Sand Chang
- Fearless Rebelle Radio Interview with Isaiah Bartlett
- National Eating Disorders Associaiton (NEDA)
- Binge Eating Disorder Association (BEDA)
- Carolina House offers residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient program with LGBTQ awareness.

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