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This year in school, I took a course called Scientific Research and Design I, an independent study class where students select a topic and do research over the course of the entire school year with a mentor. Being interested in psychology and noticing how prevalent and stigmatized eating disorders are in the world (over 70 million individuals worldwide suffer from at least one eating disorder), I chose to base my study on the psychology of eating disorders, which ended up covering several topics about eating disorders in general as well. Over the course of the year, I was fascinated with all the research I had done and was especially surprised how research on eating disorders is severely underfunded compared to those of other mental disorders despite so many individuals suffering from them worldwide. Therefore, I felt inspired to take initiative and to continue my research so that I am hopefully able to help those affected by eating disorders through research. Next year, I am planning on taking Scientific Research and Design II next year and expanding upon my research by looking for ways to extend my research into the real world. Thus, I decided that ICAN would be the best place to start. Throughout the years I have been a part of ICAN, I have noticed that ICAN serves as a great platform for people, especially youths like me, to share ideas and opinions on research. While thinking about where I could perform a survey in order to start the next step of my research on eating disorders, I thought that no community would be better than the ICAN community, where I could get valuable responses and feedback in order to learn and grow to improve my research in the future. Using the results I get from the survey, I would love to use for my future research in my Scientific Research and Design II class in order to help de-stigmatize and call attention to the lack of funding of eating disorders in order to make my positive impact on kids, families, providers, and researchers worldwide.