

Dear BAE Members and Community,

We hope this message finds you well, though we know that recent developments have created a challenging climate for many of us in the professional evaluation community. We are heartbroken by recent actions taken by the federal government, which have broad and far-reaching implications for our work and the communities we serve and are members of.

From the erasure of vital DEI initiatives to attempts to limit access to public data - these actions are not only disheartening, but also undermine the values that guide our work. These decisions have ripple effects that will harm countless people - from federal employees, community organizations, teachers and healthcare workers, veterans, and foreign aid workers. Perhaps most harmed will be those who are already the most marginalized - people who depend on services funded by the government, both in the US and abroad, and who otherwise have limited access to the resources they need to live healthy, thriving lives.

In light of these events, **we are sending a collection of resources** that we hope will be useful for those in our evaluation community who are directly impacted. We want to reinforce that **Baltimore Area Evaluators exists not only to foster professional growth and excellence, but also to serve as a space of belonging and mutual support.**

We hope to provide a sense of community and support for all members, and we hope you find some guidance and connection through the resources below. **We are also hosting an [in-person networking meetup on Feb. 13](#) and would love to see you there.** This will be an informal opportunity to connect, share experiences, and discuss how we can continue to support each other.

Lovingly,  
Your BAE Board



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## Resources


\*\* all links current as of 2/3/2025 \*\*


 Looking for an international development job? Have a job you need filled? Add your info to [this shared google sheet](#) and peruse for matches.


 Find public health tools, resources, and community at [PH spot](#).


 Sue Griffey - a BAE member! - is [offering](#) a free webinar on 2/3/2025 on job searching and a free short course on professional presence.

 Find community and solidarity in the [Public Health Connections Lounge on LinkedIn](#).

 A [very comprehensive list of resources](#) for: tracking the impact of recent layoffs, coaching services, career opportunities, support networks, webinars and info sessions, and archived data.

 A [database of humanitarian and development consulting companies](#) – filter / sort by sector, city, size, and more.

 The Public Health Burnout Coach is hosting a [free, live and interactive, community coaching call](#) on 2/7/2025.

 The Partnership for Public Service is hosting a [series of webinars](#) for Federal Employees to talk through the implications of recent EOs, employment status changes, rights as an employee or whistleblower, and potential benefit impacts.

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