

# Gary Eagleton



**Gary G. Eagleton** of Houston, Texas, worked with the Harris County Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration in the mid-1970s after medically retiring from the U.S. Army. He served as an employment counselor, job developer, and developed on-the-job training contracts. In the mid-1980s Gary worked with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department in Texas, where he first began to build programs for students from diverse economic backgrounds. In the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District, Gary was involved in the implementation of Baytown's first Gang Activity Prevention (GAP) program and the replication of the Communities in Schools (CIS)–Baytown program. He has also replicated school reform models through Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) USA. One of his most memorable involvements was the implementation of the Project GRAD model in ethnic Russian and Alaska Native villages on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

Eagleton also served as lead instructor and co-developer of curriculum for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Community Health Worker Program/Institute. The institute is housed at the University of Texas School of Public Health located in Houston's Texas Medical Center. He is a certified instructor of the Mental Health First Aid certification course, certified peer specialist, recovery coach trainer, and veteran peer support specialist. He is a trainer/facilitator for the National Alliance on Mental Illness's signature education programs and support groups (NAMI Basics, Visions for Tomorrow, Peer to Peer, Parent and Teachers as Allies, Ending the Silence, and Sharing Hope).

Eagleton presently serves on the Texas DSHS Community Health Worker Advisory Committee, the CIS–Houston Development Committee, and the NAMI Greater Houston Board of Directors.

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