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Harold Gates, MSSW, CISW, HS-BCP

Harold Gates is the president and co-founder of the Midwest Center for Cultural Competence, LLC, and has been consulting since 1989. He holds a MSSW degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a MA in Chinese Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, with a BA in Asian Studies from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Harold has worked as a school social worker and a university counselor, primarily with students of color. Harold also served as a cultural diversity consultant at the Mental Health Center of Dane County from 1989-2004. Additionally, he has taught human services at Madison College (in Madison, WI) and has co-founded three community-based groups that support interracial families and their children. He is a Member-at-Large of the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE).

More recent clients include Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), Meriter Foundation, The Management Group (TMG), Wisconsin Technical College System EEO/AA Officers, State Bar Association of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC).

Currently, Harold serves as a cultural competence consultant, co-chairing the Cultural Competence Strategic Planning committee in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Medicaid Services and advising on issues of culturally competent policy and service delivery.



David Nelson, PhD

David Nelson is a retired Substance Use Treatment Coordinator with over 25 years of counselling experience, 10 of which were dedicated to substance use counselling. David now speaks at events about mindfulness, chronic pain, and naturopathic approaches to opioid recovery. David earned his Master of Science in Vocational Rehabilitation

from UW-Stout and his PhD in Natural Health from Clayton College of Natural Health. David also has a published work, *“Black Belt Healing: A Martial Artist’s Guide to Pain Management and Injury Recovery... Harnessing the Power of the Mind”*.



Matthew Felgus, MD, FASAM

Dr. Matthew Felgus is Board Certified in Addiction Medicine and Psychiatry. He has been treating individuals with substance use, abuse and dependence for over 20 years. Before he went to medical school, Dr. Felgus was a drug counselor and brings that perspective to treating his patients. He has a clinical faculty appointment to the UW Department of Psychiatry, and has been lecturing for the past 15 years on addiction issues to doctors and doctors-in-training as well as nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and whoever else will listen. He has a Bachelor in Science in Psychology from Penn State University, received his MD from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, completed a Psychiatry residency at the University of Connecticut, and a Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He is just starting his 2 year term as president of the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine (WISAM.)