Donna Hurt

Donna Hurt received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Missouri. She began her career as the first-ever K–12 social worker for the Albany School District in Missouri. There she laid the foundation for future school social service positions. After spending a summer as the assistant director for the Graceland University TRIO Upward Bound Summer Program, Hurt took a position with TRIO Student Support Services, counseling and advising underresourced, first-generation college students.

Hurt has been an advocate and a voice for under-resourced college students on her campus. She has had numerous opportunities to educate staff, faculty, and student leaders about the needs of under-resourced students and the strategies necessary to retain and graduate them. She regularly consults with departments and divisions across campus to create a better experience for students. Hurt also works directly with Graceland's under-resourced student population to build resources and assist them in creating a life of stability and choice. The TRIO team works intentionally to help students see their future stories and assists them with the resources to one day live those stories.



Selected workshops presented by Donna Hurt

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