

Dr. Donna Graves McClendon

Law and Law Enforcement



Dr. Donna Graves-McClendon, a graduate of the June Class of 1972, traveled daily from her Glenville neighborhood to attend Collinwood High School. She was an Honor Student and was active in the Latin and History clubs and Gym leaders. She participated in sports and was a member of the Girls' Badminton team.

After graduation, Donna attended Case Western Reserve University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree, and continued her education at the University of Toledo, earning a Masters of Education and a Doctorate degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Dr. Graves-McClendon has worked in both private and public sectors of mental health, and is currently working for the Department of Human Services for the State of Ohio. Donna is the department psychologist who counsels approximately 500 student parolees in sixteen Ohio counties. The juveniles in her charge are those who are attempting to make the transition back into their communities. They are the youth, who in many cases, have been rejected by society and are in dire need of assistance to maintain mental health. Many are former drug addicts who require counseling to remain clean and sober. Donna also works with parole officers as an advocate for the youngsters. She finds her job frustrating and challenging with rewards coming when youth find themselves and put together a new life-track for their futures.

Dr. Graves-McClendon has presented seminars on various topics at conferences throughout the United States and most recently was honored by the State of Ohio with the Treatment Agent of The Year Award. Donna has received this award twice at the local level before receiving the state award from the Governor's office.

Donna is married to Robert and they are in the process of adopting a baby girl. Aside from Robert, the second love of her life is her Standard Poodle, Duncan.