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Laila Bell Joins The Duke Endowment

Sept. 26, 2017 – Laila A. Bell is joining The Duke Endowment as associate director of learning and evaluation.

Since 2010, Bell has been director of research and data at NC Child, a statewide nonprofit in Raleigh that works to advance public policies that improve the lives of North Carolina’s children. Earlier in her career, she was a Texas KIDS COUNT analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, Tex., a policy research project team member for the Congressional Research Service in Austin, and a research and public policy contractor for the Texas Council on Family Violence.

A native of South Carolina, Bell holds a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin’s Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and an undergraduate degree from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

“Laila’s skills in data analysis and her deep expertise in results-based accountability will advance our efforts to continuously learn and improve,” said Bill Bacon, director of The Duke Endowment’s Evaluation department. “She brings a wealth of experience to this position, and she shares our passion for holding ourselves increasingly accountable for results.”

Based in Charlotte, N.C., and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has awarded more than \$3.4 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but they are separate organizations.