



Bio – Soenda Howell

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BIOGRAPHY

With over 14 years of experience in education, Soenda Howell is committed to educational equity in underserved communities. Currently, she works at the KIPP Foundation as an Instructional Support Director, providing direct support to schools to improve their academic outcomes.

Previously, she led and expanded the Miles Family Fellowship, the Global Fellowship, and the Fisher Fellowship. Under her leadership, Soenda has directly impacted the development of 61 school leaders and prepared them to open schools all over the country and the world.

Prior to joining the KIPP Foundation, Soenda was the founding Assistant Principal and School Leader (Principal) at KIPP LEAD College Prep Charter School in Gary, IN. During her five years at LEAD, the school was recognized for the significant gains made by students and was awarded with the highest ranking of Exemplary Progress for two years, and Commendable Progress by the Indiana Department of Education.

Soenda began her career in education as a Teach For America Corps Member in New York City. After completing her TFA commitment, she joined KIPP STAR College Prep Charter School in Harlem, NY as a founding teacher. She also worked as a charter school consultant in Minneapolis, MN, supporting schools with start-up tasks related to instruction, finance, and governance.

Soenda received her BA in Economics from Swarthmore College, an MA in Secondary Social Studies from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a CAS in Administration and Supervision from National-Louis University.