



Expanding opportunities for women and girls.

Advance Rutherford is a consortium of organizations serving women and girls in Rutherford County that have come together to centralize information and promote programs that ensure the success of women and girls at school, in the community and in the workplace.

Purpose

Advance Rutherford fosters, promotes, and supports growth opportunities in education, in the community and at work for women and girls in Rutherford County. The consortium's goal is to better meet the needs of women and girls through a shared understanding and combined coordination and promotion of all the rich services and opportunities that Rutherford County offers.

How

Advance Rutherford achieves its purpose through:

- *Promotion and Advocacy*—Advance Rutherford highlights existing programs and advocates for emerging and new opportunities
- *Communication*—Advance Rutherford serves as a clearing house for member organization projects and events
- *Coordination*—Advance Rutherford provides a calendar of events and programs
- *Collaboration*—Members of Advance Rutherford work together on issues of mutual concern when opportunities arise

Advance Rutherford offers:

1. *A Compendium of Resources for Girls and Women in Rutherford County*: On its website (advancerutherford.org) Advance Rutherford identifies the rich resources and services available to girls and women in Rutherford County.
2. *A Consolidated Voice*: Advance Rutherford encourages a shared dialogue on girls and women in Rutherford County; communicates and clarifies the current status of girls and women in Rutherford as it relates to educational, community and work opportunities based on research and data; promotes existing resources; and fosters a discussion of emerging needs and advocates for research-based services and positions.
3. *Emerging Opportunities*: Through the contributions of member organizations and local research efforts that analyze social and economic trends, Advance Rutherford helps identify gaps in fostering opportunities for girls and women in education, the community and work and contributes to the development of new services.
4. *Partnership Potential*: Members of Advance Rutherford team up to tackle existing gaps in supporting girls and women to reach their highest potential in work, the community and education.