



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Piedmont (NC) Chapter

Services To Youth Facet



The Piedmont (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, is deeply committed to empowering the next generation through transformative youth programming. Our Services to Youth Facet is designed to close academic achievement gaps, promote college readiness, and foster leadership development among students in Gaston, Catawba, and Cleveland counties.

Through hands-on mentoring, culturally responsive education, and community engagement, we help students unlock their full potential. Our programs are designed to educate, empower, and elevate.

Signature Programs Include:



Links Love HBCUs Initiative: We host FAFSA Workshops, a dynamic College Fair, and direct exposure to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to help students and families navigate the college application and financial aid process.



Young Achievers: The program empowers Black high school students, 9th to 12th graders, to navigate life's challenges through engaging workshops that foster growth, resilience, and community leadership. An additional focus for Young Achievers is "Dressing from the Inside Out." It is a personal development workshop that instills confidence and self-worth in young women, focusing on leadership, self-esteem, health, and image empowerment.



Links STEMREADY National Program: A national initiative designed to promote STEM education, digital literacy, and critical thinking among underrepresented youth through immersive learning experiences and exposure to careers in science and technology.



I Read You Read, We All Read Together: We are intensifying our focus on 3rd through 5th graders whose early learning was most disrupted to close the reading achievement gap during this critical transition from learning to read to reading to learn.



Links to Success: This career and leadership readiness series equips students with real-world skills, such as resume writing, interview preparation, financial literacy, and goal-setting, preparing them for life beyond high school.