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Students 14 and older invited to register for Career Link to receive career preparation services

Program offered by BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education and Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development

TOWSON, MD. – The community is invited to learn more about a new program designed to assist students from low-income families in preparing for careers.

Students who enroll in the new Career Link program will receive individualized career readiness support aligned with their interests, needs, and goals, and will participate in workshops related to financial planning, career readiness, and leadership development. Examples of additional benefits for participating students include career awareness, counseling, and exploration; entrepreneurship education; transportation assistance; childcare assistance; internship/job shadowing and job search assistance; summer employment; tutoring; and equipment and job readiness support (e.g., tools, uniforms, and higher education). The program is supported by funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and offered by the Baltimore County Public Schools' Office of Career and Technical Education and Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

“We are so pleased to work in partnership with Baltimore County government to offer this opportunity to our students,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Choosing a career path is an overwhelming decision for most people. Through this program, we want to provide additional supports to those students who might benefit most from them.”

To participate in the program, youth must be between the ages of 14-21 at the time of enrollment; U.S. citizens or non-citizens authorized to work in the U.S.; registered for Military Selective Service, if applicable; be attending school; meet income limits; and have at least one of the following

characteristics: basic skills deficient; English language learner; have a criminal or juvenile record; be homeless or a runaway; be in or have aged out of the foster care system; be pregnant or parenting; or have a disability.

To learn more about the program, families are encouraged to participate in one of two Student/Guardian Informational Sessions. The sessions will be held:

- Wednesday, September 15, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 22, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

[Registration for the Student/Guardian Information Sessions is online only.](#) After registering, families will receive the Google Meet code to attend the online session.

Registration for the Career Link program will be in-person only:

Saturday, September 18, from 12 – 2:30 p.m.

Patapsco High School, 8100 Wise Ave., 21222

OR

Saturday, September 25, from 12 – 2:30 p.m.

Woodlawn High School, 1801 Woodlawn Dr., 21207

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