

# Vital Link 2.0

*"Putting our youth to work in Mobile!"*

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**Background:** We have a skilled workforce shortage and a need to attract and keep our youth in Mobile

**Challenge:** Our youth are unaware and underprepared for the excellent jobs in this community.

**Response:** A paid summer internship program that exposes and energizes youth to pursue careers in our local community

### **What is it?**

Real-world, 4week/15 hours per week paid internship (total of 60 hours) for rising seniors who have been recommended by their school through an application process

### **When will it be held?**

June 6- 30, 2016

### **Where will students intern:**

Businesses that are of interest to them (preference will be given to students in schools with existing academy partnerships).

### **Who will hire the interns?**

MAEF, in partnership with Coastal HR, will hire the students and assume the payroll and liability for them.

### **What will be the cost per student?**

\$1,500, which will cover the cost of students' wages, fringe/insurance, and program expenses

### **How many students will Vital Link 2.0 serve?**

Year 1: June 2016 – 160 MCPSS students (20 per Academy for Cohorts I and Cohorts II)

Year 2: June 2017 – Up to 360 MCPSS students (30 per Academy for Cohorts I, II, and III)

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