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DATE: November 12, 2015
TO: Chief Academic Officers
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FROM: Toyia Younger, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
SUBJECT: Dual Credit Career Pathways for Alternative Programs Event

MnSCU and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) are offering a day-long workshop on December 8, 2015 to bring together MnSCU campuses, State Approved Alternative Programs (SAAP) educators, and community stakeholders currently involved Early or Middle College Program with SAAPs or interested in developing these types of programs. Participants will learn how to develop, implement and support early/middle college programs for off-track students to re-engage them through dual credit career pathway programming and with wrap-around services to support their success. Mamadou Ndiaye from Jobs for the Future will be sharing about the national landscape of these [“Back on Track” models](#) and MN partnerships that are already established will share their models and experiences in developing and launching these programs within their local context.

In 2014, legislation was passed that provides greater access to Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) for students in SAAP. These alternative programs (SAAPs) are designed to serve students who are off-track to high school graduation and face additional barriers in the traditional education system. This legislation allows students, who are enrolled in SAAPs, access to developmental coursework as part of their dual credit career pathway programming within an early/middle college program. In order to be identified as an Early or Middle College Program, as included within Minnesota Statutes, each alternative high school program and its partnering postsecondary institution must submit the required forms and documentation for consideration for PSEO funding, provided by the Minnesota Department of Education, for developmental coursework in their program.

If your institution is already involved in this type of partnership OR is interested in developing this type of partnership, [please click here to register today](#).

Space is limited. Contact Jessica Espinosa at Jessica.espinosa@so.mnscu.edu if you have any questions.