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**TO:** Stephen Betts, Santa Clara County Department of Alcohol & Drug Services  
**FROM:** Ralph J. Castro, Stanford University Substance Abuse Prevention Program  
**DATE:** July 2, 2010  
**RE:** Yearly Progress Report, Academic Year 2009 - 2010

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## Stanford-Specific AlcoholEdu Evaluation Data

### 2006 – 2010

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- 1609 students completed the survey over a four year evaluation period.

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- 32% said the program changed their attitudes about alcohol.
- 45% acknowledged thinking about information gleaned from AlcoholEdu before a night of drinking.
- 65% would recommend the program for use with other incoming freshmen.
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*Links to stories about the evaluation:*

<http://news.stanford.edu/news/2010/july/alcohol-education-survey-070710.html>

<http://www.stanforddaily.com/2010/09/14/university-conducted-alcholedu-survey-results-lead-to-extended-program-funding/>