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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS RELEASES  
REPORT ON PROP. 36 FROM UCLA**

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs today released a report completed for the Department by the University of California Los Angeles Integrated Substance Abuse Programs on Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act.

As it has in the last three years, the UCLA report recommends changes to improve offender outcomes, including a number of the public safety reforms adopted by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature last year.

“We know that Prop. 36 is most cost-effective when non-violent offenders complete treatment and go on to live drug free. Too many offenders slip through the cracks, with less than one in three following through with treatment. Just as the UCLA report recommends, more tools are needed to ensure offenders comply with the program as voters intended.” said Renee Zito, Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

Last year on a bipartisan basis, the Legislature and the Governor agreed on a series of reforms in Senate Bill 1137 (Ducheny) including increased drug testing, jail sanctions and providing appropriate treatment services based on assessed need. These reforms came about through a collaborative effort of treatment providers, law enforcement and the judiciary. Those reforms were delayed by the court last fall.

“While the courts have delayed implementation of these important reforms, we will continue to work with the Legislature to ensure non-violent offenders finish treatment and break the cycle of addiction,” Zito said.

According to the UCLA report, 32 percent of participants who entered Prop. 36 treatment went on to complete treatment, down from 34.4 percent the first year and 34.3 percent in the second year.

The report is the fourth and final annual report from the five-year independent statewide evaluation of Proposition 36, which was passed by voters in November 2000, and enacted into law beginning July 1, 2001.



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The report, titled “Evaluation of the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act, 2005 Report,” is available on line at <http://www.adp.ca.gov/pdf/SACPAEvaluationReport.pdf>.

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