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Child care workers vote for CSEA representation

ALBANY—Around 17,000 child care workers voted almost unanimously to unionize, the Civil Service Employees Association announced Friday.

CSEA will represent the child care workers, many of whom are independent, license-exempt, home-based providers. Their right to unionize stems from an executive order signed by Gov. Eliot Spitzer last May. Since that order, almost 25,000 providers outside of New York City have signed union cards.

The new union, Child Care Providers Together, will negotiate with the state Office of Children and Family Services.

—Jimmy Vielkind