

CSEA/SEIU Local 2001
Union Victories for the Public and Our Members:
Wins in 2007

A. Leading for Quality

1. Our Commitment to Quality Services First
 - Clean contracting, autism services, and early education campaigns improved image of unionized public service workers and established a new “improving the quality of our services” framework
2. Mental Health Services in Corrections
 - Established a mental-health training program for Dept of Correction professionals, creating a safer environment for our members working in correctional facilities
3. Funding for Autism Services
 - Allocated critically needed resources to the Dept of Developmental Disabilities to improve its services for families of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
4. Driving Up Standards for School Bus Drivers
 - Speaking out after high-profile death of a pedestrian brought attention of lawmakers and opinion leaders to private contractors responsible for creating low-wage student transportation workforce

B. Uniting Publicly Funded Workers

1. Organized More Public Sector Workers
 - New members joining our union this year include add'l correctional professionals, substitute mental retardation adult services instructors, public school paraprofessionals, part-time town workers, school bus monitors, and hundreds of retired public service workers
2. Won Union Rights for Additional State Workers
 - Won Labor Board certification of last year's election by Dept of Public Safety Captains and Lieutenants to unite in our union
3. New Contracts for West Hartford Town Workers
 - Won renewed contracts for five of six chapters representing hundreds of the Town's workers during opponents' high-profile anti-public services campaign
4. New Contract for New Haven School Bus Drivers
 - Won a strong new 5-year contract with expanded health care for nearly 300 members working for the transportation corporation contracted by the district
5. Reclassified Information Technology Professionals
 - Moved the vast majority of P-4 Council members working in information technology into new job classifications, with compensation adjustments

C. Leading for Our Communities

1. Uniting Early Education Providers

- Signed up hundreds of additional home-based child care providers in our Kids First campaign, and mobilized outreach to state lawmakers through letter-writing, attending public hearings, and direct lobbying

2. Services as the Solution to the Autism Crisis

- Advocacy for a stand-alone agency to deliver services for children and adults with ASD raised the profile of the issue to an unprecedented level

3. Raising Health Care Standards for All

- Participation with statewide coalition of labor unions demonstrated members' commitment to creating access to quality, affordable health care for all

4. A Voice for Reform in the DOT

- High-profile campaign raised the voice of front-line workers in reforming one of the State's most dysfunctional public service agencies

D. Strengthening Our Political Voice

1. Clean Contracting

- Landmark new law protects against wasteful, corrupt private contractors and establishes standards requiring State workers be assigned to public projects impacting health and safety

2. Recognition of Military Service

- Spearheaded legislation granting State workers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan on active military duty access to vacation and leave when they return from duty overseas

3. Protected Retirement Security

- Advocated for new law creating equity and corrected problems with the timing of Social Security offset payments for thousands of Tier 1 Plan B State retirees, effective once members are eligible for benefits

4. Economic Security for School Paraprofessionals

- Defeated a bill imposing unfunded credentialing mandates on local public school districts and that failed to resolve inequities in paraprofessionals' wages, training, and job security

5. Historic State Worker Contracts Approved

- The General Assembly approved first-ever contracts for Supervising Judicial Marshals in the Judicial Branch and Captains and Counselor Supervisors at the DOC