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Group helps to place new minority teachers

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Nearly 50 percent of new teachers placed in classrooms last year by the California Teacher Corps were members of underrepresented minority groups, the Corps reported.

One-quarter were Latino and 9 percent were African-American, according to the corps, which represents the state's alternative-certification programs. Those programs train second-career teachers and others who have expertise in their subjects and are committed to working in hard-to-staff schools. For more details, go to www.cateachercorps.org.