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Human-trafficking official is first hired by state

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COLUMBUS - The state has hired its first human-trafficking coordinator to spearhead efforts to combat forced prostitution and labor.

Elizabeth Ranade Janis will work out of the Department of Public Safety's office of criminal-justice services. She holds degrees from Ohio State University and Georgetown University and most recently was manager of humanitarian and emergency affairs at Washington, D.C.-based World Vision.

The hiring was announced Friday, the same day advocates gathered at the Statehouse for a human-trafficking awareness day, reviewing efforts in recent years to crack down on what has been called "modern-day slavery" and eyeing potential law changes.

"It is the human-rights issue of our lifetime," said Rep. Teresa Fedor, a Democrat from Toledo who has carried legislation and pushed for greater awareness of the issue.

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