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Anti-Human Trafficking Billboards on Display

DAYTON -- Local groups are coming together to fight human trafficking here in the area.

The human rights group Abolition Ohio has partnered with United Methodist Women Trafficking Task Force and Key Ads to put up a billboard off I-75.

The billboards are also part of Ohio's statewide Human Trafficking Awareness campaign.

With the intersection of I-75 and I-70, the Dayton area is a prime location for traffickers, but these groups are hoping these billboards will spread a powerful message.

"This young child is being forced to have sex for someone else's gain and that grabs them in the heart. Then they hear that this is happening in Ohio, they learn the statistics and the figures behind it," says Tony Talbott, Director of Human Rights Studies with the University of Dayton.

State officials are calling for more partnerships across Ohio to fight this crime.

The University of Dayton is already playing a major role by offering the nation's first undergraduate Human Rights Program.

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