

**Please join Jennifer Brunner, Ohio Secretary of State  
and candidate for United States Senate**

## **For a Women's Forum Panel Discussion**

**On Women's Health Care, Elder Care and Child Care**

**Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Chester Zablocki Senior Center**

**3015 Lagrange Street, Toledo OH 43608**

Jennifer Brunner is hosting a series of Women's Forum Panel Discussions throughout Ohio to hear from women and men their views and experiences on issues specific to women's health care, flexibility in the workplace, child care and elder care. The United States does not have a National Child Care Policy or a National Elder Care Policy as many countries do.

The forums will highlight the recent findings of a study conducted by the Center for American Progress, "The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything " For the first time in our nation's history, women are more than half of all U.S. workers, and mothers are the primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners in nearly two-thirds of American families. In this recent recession, three out of every four jobs lost belong to men.

There is a desperate need for national child care and elder care policies. Traditionally, male breadwinners have not also borne the primary responsibility for child care and elder care. With more women as the sole or primary breadwinners in households, what changes are needed to U.S. policies to reflect the needs of today's modern families—for both women and men?

Health care, up to this point primarily provided through employment. Often, it is a key issue in a family's decision about who works outside the home and how to meet responsibilities caring for children and aging parents. As the health care reform debate continues, more employment issues emerge about hours, pay, benefits, and leave time. What changes are needed so that employees can continue to be productive while also tending to their family care giving responsibilities?

As a female breadwinner, what are the policies you deal with now? How do they affect your family? What obstacles do you face each day? How would National Child Care or Elder Care Policies help? What should they be?

Join Jennifer Brunner and a panel of local women to discuss how we can make a difference, influence Washington to develop comprehensive policies and speak with a clearer voice on women's health care, elder care and child care for our working families.

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