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## **Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe opens Family Dental Clinic**

### **Opening Ceremonies and Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 at noon**

**WHO:** **Cedric Cromwell**, Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
**Dr. Benjamin Warren**, Dental Officer, Indian Health Service - Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit  
**Katie Bennett**, Certified Dental Assistant, Indian Health Service - Mashpee Wampanoag Service Unit  
**Cheryl Frye-Comwell**, Tribal Council, Health Liaison - Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
**Rita Gonsalves**, Health Systems Administrator - Indian Health Service - Mashpee Wampanoag Service Unit

**WHAT:** The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit announce the opening of a new family dental clinic, which will host an open house week from Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, with the official **grand opening ceremonies** and ribbon-cutting scheduled for **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon**.

The Clinic will serve Tribal Citizens of all ages from any Federally-recognized tribe and provide services for all dental needs. The theme for the open house week will be "Back to School" and Tribal members are encouraged to call and make an appointment for their children for cleanings, dental screenings, and sealants.

**"The ribbon cutting ceremony represents another example of the forward progression and thinking of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's sovereignty and self governance," said Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. "This clinic will provide top level, effective dental services for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Members living in the five contract health service delivery areas. This is a proud, honorable and historic day for the Tribe and its vision towards quality health care services for Tribal members."**

Tribal members are encouraged to stop by and tour the facility as well as learn about the many services offered.

The Clinic will be open for appointments Monday - Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 28, 2013**  
**12 noon**

**WHERE:** **483 Great Neck Road South**  
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**About the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe:**

*The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, known as the People of the First Light, has inhabited present day Massachusetts for more than 12,000 years. After an arduous 30+ year process, the Mashpee Wampanoag were re-acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe in 2007 and retain full tribal sovereignty rights. There are approximately 2,600 enrolled citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.*

***The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health*** mission is to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare to Native American members and their families in a culturally sensitive manner promoting good health, safe-lifestyles, well-being and harmony.

***The Indian Health Services*** mission is to raise the physical, mental ,social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska native to the highest level in partnership the Tribal population serviced by Indian Health Service .

- *This is a Government to Government partnership*

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