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Hiring Manager CORA Services 8540 Verree Rd Philadelphia, PA 19111

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to express my interest in working at CORA Services in the Intensive Prevention Services program as an IPS Targeted Counselor. I earned MSW this August from Smith College School for Social Work and would bring to this opportunity strong clinical skills providing individual psychotherapy, crisis intervention, group therapy, and play therapy to individuals ages 6 to 40 experiencing complex trauma, anxiety, depression, interpersonal violence, grief and loss, and relational challenges. I am currently preparing to apply for my LSW.

During my placement at a community mental health agency in Seattle, WA, I engaged in case management and advocacy work and formulated psychosocial assessments with families living in domestic violence shelters from diverse backgrounds and experiences. I provided weekly psychotherapy to a caseload of 12 children ages six to eighteen. A large part of my work included affective engagement, stabilization and containment through therapeutic play.

At my second clinical placement at an empowerment-based mental health clinic on the UMass campus, I provided short term weekly psychotherapy to 16 students and community members using a trauma informed and relational psychodynamic theoretical lens to inform treatment. Based on the individual needs of each client, I integrated crisis intervention skills of safety planning, stabilization, affect regulation and attunement into the healing relationship.

I am drawn to working clinically with families, adolescents and children. I believe I am the right person for this position because of my unique ability to sit with, tolerate, and hold extremely traumatic and distressing situations that those who exhibit high risk behaviors have faced or are facing. I see this opportunity to be part of the CORA IPS team as invaluable given my interests, passion, and strengths. I would be honored to work alongside colleagues with a similar clinical rigor who share a commitment to social justice, empowerment, and growth.

I look forward to further discussing my excitement about the position. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Lindsay Kazi, MSW