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I was very excited to see your listing for the Case Worker opportunity with your Student Assistance Program and would like to express my interest.

I have a B.A. in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as many years of experience working with children and young adults in school settings both in Philadelphia and elsewhere. In my recent job as a Behavioral Health Worker for Carson Valley Children's Aid, I provided support to students with diagnosed behavioral and emotional disorders in the School Therapeutic Services (STS) program at Tilden Middle School in Southwest Philadelphia. In this role, I successfully helped my clients work towards behavioral goals such as increasing on-task behavior in the classroom and decreasing angry outbursts. I was also able to see first-hand the many factors that can cause a student to have difficulty at school, as well as the challenges that many students and their families face in taking advantage of the full range of supports that are available to them. For this reason, I was very interested to learn about the services that your Student Assistance Program provides, and I would love to have the chance to be part of such a program.

My work as a Behavioral Health Worker involved regular collaboration with both my coworkers in the STS program and school staff in order to ensure that everyone was on the same page about clients' needs and progress. I gained experience in diffusing emotionally tense situations, and I learned how to develop productive working relationships with clients and coworkers who had diverse opinions and viewpoints. My work experience to date has also allowed me to receive HIPAA training and become accustomed to using Microsoft Word and other Microsoft Office applications.

My goal is to find a new full-time position that will allow me to continue to support at-risk youth in Philadelphia. I am most motivated by work that allows me to interact directly with clients and take on a variety of challenges every day, another reason why I was attracted to this position. I believe that my experiences and skill set will allow me to provide professional and effective support to students and families served by your program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Emma Howell