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TO

AnnMarie Schultz

CORA Services

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Dear Ms. Schultz,

Thank you for your time in reviewing my resume and this letter expressing my interest in the role of **Intensive Prevention Services Counselor at CORA**. I am very interested in bringing my diverse background, knowledge, and focus on social justice to the IPS program.

I earned a Master's degree in Art Therapy with the goal of working with children and their families to promote positive psychosocial development. Facilitating group and individual trauma-focused art therapy as an Intern at New York State Children's Center enabled me to gain a strong understanding of the concerns and difficulties faced by adolescents. The patients with whom I worked had diagnoses of serious mental illness, some coming from families with extended histories of mental illness. Typically patients had experiences with the legal system, and often had run away from home. I worked efficiently with multidisciplinary treatment teams, helping to track progress, as well as create and implement individualized plans and goals. In this role, I developed and ran a program, alongside Psychiatry Fellows, which addressed addiction as a co-occurring disorder. I created strong professional relationships with patients and facilitated cross-unit and unit-specific interventions. In my internship at Shema Kolainu in New York City, I facilitated group and individual art therapy sessions to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in a school setting.

I currently volunteer my time with New York Cares and have participated in programs in Israel and India where I utilized my skills to improve cross-cultural engagement. I was born and raised in Philadelphia and look forward to working with CORA to provide empowerment and hope to youth and families throughout the city. With my enthusiasm for work with adolescents and my experience in treatment and intervention services, I am confident that I am qualified for the role of IPS Counselor and to take on the work of creating a safe, secure, and supportive environment. I look forward to the opportunity to interview with you soon. I can be reached at (215) 327-4935 or at prartz@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



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