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To whom it may concern:

This serves as my letter of intent for a Practicum and/or Internship at your training site during the summer of 2020 in order to complete my Master of Science in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MS in MCFC) professional practice requirements. Although I am interested in any family counseling experience, I hope to focus my future counseling work on children and adolescents.

I am currently enrolled in a CACREP-accredited MS in MCFC program at Walden University, a regionally accredited institution committed to counselor excellence. Faculty at Walden University are scholar-practitioners with credentials from top national universities. I have achieved a 4.0 GPA and have completed coursework in Techniques in Counseling, Ethics and Legal Issues in Counseling, Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories, and Multicultural Counseling. Additionally, by May of 2020 just before I will begin my practicum and/or internship, I will have completed coursework in Group Process and Dynamics, Crisis, Trauma, and Disaster Response, Child and Adolescent Counseling, Research Methodology and Program Evaluation, Career Counseling, Counseling Addictive Disorders, Assessment in Counseling and Education, and Human Sexuality. Additionally, as of May 2019, I have earned 6 Continuing Education (CE) credits in Child and Adolescent Suicide Assessment, taught by Dr. David Capuzzi. I have also earned 6 CEs from attending the 2019 Mental Health KC event during which I attended sessions related to teen suicide and adolescent depression and anxiety.

I bring knowledge of individual counseling, group counseling, interviewing, observation, psychotherapy, diagnosis, assessment, and multicultural counseling. I volunteered for 5 years as a Girl Scout leader and 7 years as a director and coach for an area recreational cheerleading organization. When the girls on my cheer squad reached middle school, I added a weekly, thirty-minute discussion time to our practices in order to discuss issues of importance to young adolescents such as bullying, sexting, friendship issues, social media identity and vaping. My technology, organizational and communication skills acquired during nineteen years as a freelance graphic designer will also help me contribute to your team of mental health professionals.

As I approach the end of my graduate program, I am eager and ready to apply theory to practice. Enclosed you will find my career portfolio which includes a resume, a detailed description of the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program at Walden University, and Field Experience requirements.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my application. If you have additional questions regarding requirements for the Practicum or Internship, Walden University, or the Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling program, you may contact my Field Experience Operations Coordinator, Jessica Richard, at jessica.richard@mail.waldenu.edu. I'm looking forward to further discussing internship and/or practicum opportunities at your facility.

Sincerely,

Kari D'Amato