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Mr. Niles Crane
Director of Personnel
White Mountain Youth Services
162 Mountain Street
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Dear Mr. Crane:

I was pleased to see your ad for a therapist (position #32078) in the July 2 *Boston Globe*. I will be earning my masters degree in Counseling Psychology this May from Boston College, and I have extensive experience working with adolescents in a variety of settings. I would bring to this position strong clinical skills, fluency in Spanish, outdoor skills, and a demonstrated commitment to serving at-risk youth.

As my resume shows, during my clinical field placement at the Serramonte Therapeutic Day School in San Mateo County, CA, I provided individual and group psychotherapy to a culturally diverse adolescent population in the partial hospitalization program. I offered bilingual services to clients with major psychiatric disorders, anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. I also collaborated with a treatment team of clinical social workers, educators, psychiatrists, and rehabilitation counselors to develop individualized treatment plans.

This past year, at Boston's Cambridge City Hospital, I provided crisis intervention and emergency services to a diverse client population and co-led a bereavement group for families, often including children and adolescents. My previous experience with adolescents includes a community project at San Mateo High School in which I led a group of GLBTQ youth in a video and writing project, and two years as a program supervisor at the Academy of Swift River in Charlemont, MA, a private college preparatory therapeutic boarding school which stresses physical fitness and environmental education in its curriculum.

An avid rock climber, hiker, and certified white water kayak instructor, I believe I would be an asset to White Mountain Youth Services, given your program's emphasis on outdoor activities. My clinical skills combined with my enjoyment of fitness and the environment makes me well qualified to serve as a therapist to youth at White Mountain and to participate in your outdoor leadership program.

I look forward to discussing this position with you, and I will call shortly to see about arranging a meeting.

Sincerely,

Bernice Ponchartrain