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Ms. Jane Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

You spoke at my Introduction to Public Health course at the University of Miami last week, and I was excited to learn about the HIV/AIDS Health Education and Risk Reduction program within the Miami-Dade County Health Department. Your work with Group Level and Community Level Interventions is intriguing, and I would like to learn more. I am particularly interested in the Group Level Interventions you design specifically for African American and Latina women. My MPH program requires that I complete 150 hours of public health field work, and I am interested in working with you.

My interest in HIV and AIDS began when I was an undergraduate student and I participated in an alternative spring break program focused on providing service to individuals with HIV and AIDS in a neighboring community. While volunteering with several community organizations, I was exposed to health inequalities and the stereotypes individuals with AIDS and HIV face. As a MPH student, I had the opportunity to take a course in public health surveillance where I learned about the national surveillance system for AIDS and collaborated with classmates design a control program. Before beginning the MPH program I volunteered with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and helped promote their annual AIDS Run & Walk Chicago. I learned how to effectively communicate the importance of HIV prevention services and explain the foundation's advocacy efforts. Working with you is an opportunity to combine my passion for HIV/AIDS prevention with my desire to gain experience in health education and risk reduction.

I am interested in meeting with you to discuss a potential internship opportunity with the Health Education and Risk Prevention Program. You may contact me at 305-243-9999 or myname@med.miami.edu. I will contact you next week to see if we can schedule a convenient time to meet. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Your Name