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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION YOUTUBE CHANNEL EDUCATES CLINICIANS AND PUBLIC ON THE BENEFITS OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

NEW YORK, July 9, 2013 - The American Group Psychotherapy Association branded channel on YouTube at <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/agpa212</u> provides a wealth of information for clinicians, the public-at-large as well as media seeking expert information on the use of groups. This association sponsored channel contains videos from experts in group psychotherapy and organizational leaders speaking to the benefits of group psychotherapy and group interventions, in general and for certain populations, as well as the wide variety of current activities of the organization.

Visitors to the channel will hear directly from experts in the field on outreach activities underway through AGPA, including the benefits of group services for college students, the medically ill, veterans, addictions, couples and families following trauma and military deployment, international work with traumatized cultures, and groups for children and adolescents. Visitors can also learn about the philanthropic work being done by the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health and find out how to locate qualified group therapists and what it means to be a Certified Group Psychotherapist. The site also contains videos of individual practitioners discussing group psychotherapy in general and their clinical practice and work methods in particular.

Here are just a few of the videos we feature:

How College Counseling Centers Work to Benefit Students

How Groups Help Chronic Illness and Pain

Cultural Competence in Group Therapy

"Educating the public and clinicians on group therapy is integral to the mission of the AGPA," said Kathleen Ulman, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "This channel plays a valuable role for the organization and its members as it gives them a venue in which to speak about the valuable work they are doing and how group psychotherapy can help change lives."

For more information on the channel or on group psychotherapy, or to find out how to participate on the channel, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit our website at <u>www.agpa.org</u>

About AGPA

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The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 26 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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