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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR CLINICIANS WORKING IN COLLEGE COUNSELING CENTERS

NEW YORK, August 10, 2016 - The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced today a new video and teleconference series designed for group coordinators and others running groups in college counseling centers. The program will be launched on Friday, August 19th from 12:00-1:00 P.M. EST with "Structuring an Effective Group Program" led by Joshua M. Gross, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, FAGPA, Director of Group Programs at the Florida State University Student Counseling Center

Hosted by the AGPA's College Counseling and Other Educational Settings Special Interest Group and its Co-Chairs, Eri Bentley, Ph.D., CGP and Tevya Zukor, Ph.D., CGP, this monthly call-in program is designed to meet the challenges of developing and maintaining group programs at college counseling centers, a mental health venue with unique needs that are well met with group psychotherapy. Each month, a content-expert will discuss a topic related to group psychotherapy at college counseling centers and lead discussions and the sharing of ideas. It is a monthly opportunity for group coordinators and group therapists to grow their skills, enhance their knowledge, and get support from their peers.

"Providing mental health professionals with training in group skills and learning through peer networking is integral to the mission of AGPA," said Eleanor F. Counselman, Ph.D., CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. ""We are thrilled to offer this program for clinicians who are helping students at universities in the United States and Internationally in support of the challenging work they do in a unique environment."

These monthly teleconferences are complimentary for AGPA Members. If you are not a current AGPA member, you can still participate in two calls. For details and to register, visit the <u>AGPA Online CE Center</u> (registration will close on Thursday, August 18th at 5:00 PM EST). Please note this teleconference will be conducted via Zoom, which allows for both audio and video participation. Additional call-in events are scheduled for September 16th, October 21st, November 18th from 12:00-1:00 P.M. Eastern.

The Online Continuing Education Center also houses an online store where training curricula, audiotapes and videotapes on group psychotherapy can be obtained (many of these publications can be used for teaching purposes and as student and participant manuals). For more information please visit our website at www.agpa.org or contact Diane Feirman, CAE, at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or via e-mail at dfeirman@agpa.org.

About AGPA

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 2,500 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.