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2017 AGPA 75th ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING “CONNECTING, EDUCATING, AND LEADING FOR 75 YEARS: THE THEORY, SCIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF GROUP THERAPY” SELECTED SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

NEW YORK, June 8, 2017 – The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced that selected sessions from its highly successful 2017 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting in New York City, “Connecting, Educating, and Leading for 75 Years: The Theory, Science, and Practice of Group Therapy” are now available [online](#) with formal continuing education credits available.

Over 20 program sessions are available with a diverse array of content including contemporary group psychotherapy research, trauma, groups for children on the autism spectrum and violence in society. All focus on group psychotherapy as an effective treatment modality that contributes to resilient communities in today’s world with the power to connect individuals, families and communities in meaningful ways to effect change on personal and societal levels.

“The AGPA Meeting is the source for training in leading therapeutic groups” said Eleanor F. Counselman, Ed.D., CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. “For those unable to attend this past year in person, or those who had to miss events of interest due to scheduling, this is an opportunity to receive top quality training in group therapy skills along with continuing education credits.”

The programs can be accessed through the [AGPA Online Continuing Education Center](#). Please note that the library is open to AGPA members complimentary (with a fee only for CE credits if desired).

This continuing education opportunity is just the most recent offering through the AGPA CE Center. The CE Center provides the opportunity to obtain continuing education credits for a variety of topical areas on group psychotherapy through different channels, all of which offer convenient and affordable options for participating. In addition to the Annual Meeting sessions option, courses are available through audio sessions (real-time and archived) as well as print based curricula for self-study. Articles from the esteemed publication *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* are also available. As noted above, all of these resources are available to AGPA members

free of charge, with a fee only for CE credits if desired. They are accredited for CE for social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, and alcohol and drug abuse counselors. Visit the [AGPA Online Continuing Education Center](#) for detailed information on content offerings, schedules and information on how to register.

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.

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