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AGPA LAUNCHES SEARCHABLE ONLINE DIRECTORY OF CERTIFIED GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AT WWW.AGPA.ORG

NEW YORK, April 21, 2005 — The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced the launch of an online directory of Certified Group Psychotherapists (CGP), located on the Association's website, www.agpa.org.

This directory, available to the public, will provide access to more than 1,500 group therapists, searchable by city/state, zip code and/or type of group. The search options help a person find a therapist(s) in their area who works with the appropriate population (multiple referrals are often available). The designation of CGP insures that the therapists selected have met nationally accepted criteria of education, training and experience in group psychotherapy. A confidential contact can then be made by telephone or e-mail directly to the therapist(s).

“Once they have made the decision to seek help, people are often unsure of how to go about finding a therapist,” said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA president. “This directory offers a quick, confidential referral source for highly trained and experienced clinicians.”

The site also contains general information for the consumer who is interested in joining a group, including what happens in a group, who can benefit, and answers to other frequently asked questions. This information is also available in a printed pamphlet “Group Works” available free of charge through the Association office.

For more information contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit www.agpa.org.

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of who have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 31 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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