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AGPA ANNOUNCES GROUP THERAPY TRAINING SUPPORT FOR CLINICIANS AND CHAPLAINS WORKING WITH ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS

NEW YORK, October 27, 2010— The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) welcomes all clinicians and chaplains working with active military and veterans to its 68th Annual Training Week in New York City, entitled “Group as a Source of Resilience and Change,” February 28-March 5 at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers. In recognition of the care and service such individuals have been providing to the men and women who have served, current and past, in missions throughout the world, AGPA is offering a 35% registration discount for this conference as well as opportunities for full tuition scholarships through the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, the organization’s charitable arm.

“Groups have a long history of successfully working with active troops and veteran populations, dating back to World War II,” said Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “We are privileged to be able to provide this training and support to those who are supporting the men and women of the U.S. military, veterans and their families.”

There are a variety of educational opportunities on the program with relevance for military personnel and veterans’ hospital and agency staff, including:

- **“Care To Uniformed Service Caregivers: From Fatigue to Hope & Resiliency”** – a two-day institute which includes self-care techniques and supportive process.
- **“Working with Trauma: Anniversary Reactions”** – a two-day institute providing insight and techniques for working with reactions connected to the anniversaries of traumatic events
- **“Infected by Trauma: Doing and Supervising Trauma Groups”** – a full day workshop providing training for caregivers with significant exposure to trauma through specialization in this work.
- **“Using Groups for Trauma Intervention”** – a two-day course providing in-depth training on the multiple emotional impacts of trauma, as well as a series of group intervention strategies and protocols, including for suicide, the impact of combat stress on couples, cultural diversity and the impact of trauma work on caregivers.

AGPA's 2011 Annual Training attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, particularly in today's economic climate. The theme reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to effect change that contributes to societal strength and well-being. For more information, contact AGPA at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2011 Annual Training. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 877-668-AGPA (2472).

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 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, 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 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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