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AGPA OFFERS INNOVATIVE NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY*

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 2010 — The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced the launch of an innovative component of its Continuing Education Program, through which mental health professionals can receive continuing education credits using articles from the esteemed peer-review journal, the *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*.

“It is increasingly challenging for clinicians to meet the necessary formal continuing education requirements for their various licensures and certifications” said Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “The ability to obtain CE in conjunction with articles from the *IJGP* means they can keep current on areas relevant to their day-to-day clinical group practice and get CE from the same source, a tremendous time saver.”

The articles can be accessed, along with the necessary steps for obtaining CE, through the AGPA Online Continuing Education Center at www.agpa.org.

This continuing education opportunity is just the newest 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 *Journal* option, courses are available through audio sessions (real-time and archived) as well as print based curricula for self-study. They are accredited for CE for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and alcohol and drug abuse counselors. Visit the AGPA website at www.agpa.org 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 purchased (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 Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has over 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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