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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **2011 AGPA ANNUAL MEETING “GROUP AS A SOURCE OF RESILIENCE AND CHANGE” SELECTED SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**NEW YORK, July 5, 2011** — The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced that selected sessions from its highly successful 2011 Annual Meeting in New York City, “Group as a Source of Resilience and Change” are now available online with formal continuing education credits available.

Over 30 program sessions are available with a diverse array of content including addictions, trauma, school-based programs, social media, organizational leadership and children and adolescents. All focus on group psychotherapy as an effective treatment modality that contributes to resilient communities in today’s world.

“The AGPA Meeting is the source for training in leading therapeutic groups” said Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, 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, along with the necessary steps for obtaining CE, through the AGPA Online Continuing Education Center at [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

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 *The International Journal of Group Psychotherapy* are also available. 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](http://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](http://www.agpa.org) or contact Diane Feirman, CAE, at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or via e-mail at [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org).

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### *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 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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