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**AGPA RELEASES NEW TEACHING MANUAL:
*ADOLESCENT GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY: METHOD, MADNESS AND THE BASICS***

NEW YORK, March 5, 2009 — The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced the publication of a new teaching and participant manual entitled *Adolescent Group Psychotherapy: Method, Madness and the Basics*, written by Andrew Pojman, Ed.D., CGP. This publication is designed to provide faculty and students with the materials and bibliographical resources necessary for didactic and experiential courses in providing groups for adolescents, a population requiring specialized skills.

This curriculum was developed in order to provide those wishing to specialize in group psychotherapy with adolescents a resource for learning and growth. The publication is divided into four modules, which present different aspects of the theory and practice of group psychotherapy with adolescents, including adolescent development and culture, group formation, group dynamics and process and specialty groups.

“As the preeminent group psychotherapy organization with training as an integral part of its mission, it is only fitting that AGPA develops this type of training material,” said Connie Concannon, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “These ready-to-use modules provide a source of quality training for mental health professionals and others in public and private settings who work with adolescents, increasing the quality of care for this vulnerable population.”

To purchase this curriculum, please visit the AGPA Online Store via our website at www.agpa.org. For more information on this publication and training opportunities, please 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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