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**AGPA RELEASES NEW TEACHING MANUAL,
'GROUP INTERVENTIONS FOR TREATMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA'**

NEW YORK, Jan. 28, 2005 — Using its experience of providing group interventions to those affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the American Group Psychotherapy Association has released a new teaching and participant manual entitled "Group Interventions for Treatment of Psychological Trauma." Designed to provide faculty and students with the materials and bibliographical resources necessary for a didactic and experiential course, this publication is comprised of 10 modules; each module addresses trauma group work with specific populations and/or circumstances.

The development and publication of this manual was supported by a grant from The September 11th Fund, created by The United Way of New York City and The New York Community Trust. It has been used to train more than 1,000 mental health professionals in New York City over the past two years. Its publication now ensures availability for widespread use.

"Consistent with our mission as an organization, the AGPA is dedicated to promoting ongoing professional growth and training in this area," said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "Such an educational package can prepare mental health professionals to be better able to respond to trauma of any form."

The modules already are being used in Southeast Asia, where they have been provided to clinicians in areas affected by the devastating tsunamis and will be used to help train mental health workers participating in relief efforts.

For more information on this manual and other training opportunities available through the AGPA, call (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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