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## CPC24 BREAKOUT LIST



**NOTE:** The "Learning Level" is meant to give you a sense of the leader that would benefit most from the way the content will be presented in the breakout according to his/her experience level in Children's Ministry.

Key: Establishing 0-5 years, Developing 5-15 years, Advancing 15-25 years, Championing 25+ years

Day 1   Breakout 1   10:50am						
SPEAKER		CATEGORY		TITLE	DESCRIPTION	Learning Level
<b>Christie Penner Worden</b>		Discipleship 1	1	<i>Jesus-Centered Discipleship: Reorienting Your Focus</i>	What shifts in our leadership when we center on Jesus? If our goal, as His followers, is to look more and more like Jesus, how does this shape our ministries? Our programs? Our theological choices? Our prayer lives? Our teams? When we fix our eyes on Jesus, there is a noticeable shaping of our perspective and our priorities. This breakout will look at Centered-Set Theology and how focusing on becoming like Jesus creates a space for others to belong, and do the same.	Developing
<b>Karen Whiting</b>		Discipleship 1	1	<i>Keeping Kids Faithful by Responding to Tough Questions</i>	What can you do to prevent children from leaving the faith as they get older? By being intentional with them now. Join us as we learn 5 methods for giving kids the 'why' behind what they believe and the 'how' to live it out in a way that sets them up for a life of faith.	All Learning Levels
<b>Brianna Edwards</b>		Discipleship 2	1	<i>How to Reach Kids from Hard Places</i>	Kids with trauma history are in your ministry. They may not have the words to TELL you their experiences, but they certainly SHOW you. You see behavioral issues, anxiety, depression, self harm and more, and you wonder, "What do I do?!" We'll talk about the impact of trauma and how you can creatively meet the needs of kids from hard places. It's not as scary as you may think!	All Learning Levels
<b>Sean Sweet</b>		Discipleship 3	1	<i>How to Tackle Difficult Topics with Your Preteens</i>	Are you dealing with issues relating to transgenderism, homosexuality, and pornography with your preteens? Are their parents sensitive to this kind of subject and you aren't exactly sure how to tackle these topics? Come learn a strategy for addressing them (and other current topics) that will please parents, minister to preteens, and honor God. Plus, prepare your preteens to develop their own strategies for the next provocative topic that will come their way.	All Learning Levels

<b>Sharon Rundell</b>		Leadership 1	1	<i>Key Principles to Fight Burnout: Skills to Help Leaders Get Organized</i>	Being in kids ministry is intense, in this breakout we will explore tools to help you get organized, stay organized, and ultimately figure out a system so that you can enjoy your work in the kingdom. Attendees will discover tangible skills and tools they can develop to revamp the ministry so that the load feels a little lighter helping ministry leaders do this job for years without burning out.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jana Magruder</b>		Leadership 2	1	<i>Leading Up and Out: Why the Most Strategic Seat in the Church is Yours</i>	As Children's ministry leaders, we must understand that our seat at the leadership table is quite possibly the most strategic when it comes to church engagement and growth. Because of this, it is essential to know how to lead up to our pastors and elders and out to our ministry peers and colleagues. Join Jana to learn tangible tools that will help you understand how children's ministry can inform a whole-church strategy that is focused on kingdom growth.	Advancing
<b>Kim Hudson Angie Hooie</b>		Mini-Course	1	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 101 - Passionately Preschoolers: Gaining Confidence in Your Philosophy of Preschool</i>	What is the first word that you think of when you hear "preschool ministry"? Panic or passion? If you have any experience with preschoolers, your answer may depend on the day! As a leader of littles, it's critical to have a robust preschool ministry philosophy that not only influences everything you do but gives you the clarity to confidently advocate for what you need. In the first session of this course, you will be equipped with the tools to elevate your passion, articulate your philosophy, and eliminate panic from your vocabulary.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Vance Martin</b>		Mini-Course	1	<i>Ministry Administration Mini-Course 101</i>	TBA - See Acelevents for updates on details.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Caiti Corbett Salmon</b>		Mini-Course	1	<i>New to Children's Ministry 101 Finding your Community</i>	In the first session of this course, you will have the opportunity to connect with other leaders just like yourself in an interactive networking environment. It will be a collaboration with the New to Children's Ministry Networking Connection session already happening during this time. Leave this unique kick-off to the course with a new friend and ready to begin your learning journey at CPC.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray Leann Woelk</b>		Mini-Course	1	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 101: Preparing to Minister to Families With Your Soul in Mind</i>	Ministering to families is a blessing and a joy, but burnout and empathy fatigue can overwhelm those who are unprepared. In the 1st session of this course, we will focus on spiritual rhythms and practical soul care so you can minister as Christ has called you to the families in your community.	Developing/ Advancing

<b>Brittany Nelson</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 1	1	<i>Using the Tool of Digital Discipleship Effectively</i>	Digital Discipleship is the latest tool in our ministry toolbox, and when wielded correctly, it can help us build more effective and efficient ministries. This breakout will define digital discipleship, help you explore where digital discipleship fits into your ministry strategy, and share digital tools that help make your life easier and you more effective as a children's ministry leader.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jeannie Kim</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	1	<i>A Small Group Approach to Intergenerational Ministry</i>	Is it possible to have an intergenerational ministry in small group settings? Yes! Learn how to implement discipleship among the generations through regular gatherings, living by example, and intentional mentorship for spiritual growth in children and adults. This session will examine the intergenerational ministry models and share examples of family, small group-oriented settings, and their dynamics among multiple generations.	Developing/Advancing
<b>Meaghan Wall</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	1	<i>Special Needs Ministry: Yesterday, Today, &amp; Tomorrow</i>	Children with disabilities are coming to our churches and though our ministry to them may not look the same, we can all learn to engage them in meaningful ways. In this breakout, we will talk about where Special Needs Ministry has been, where it is now, and where the Lord might take it. No matter where your church is in the journey, you'll find some encouragement, resources, and tools to help you follow Christ's lead in reaching out to students with disabilities.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jeff Weldon</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	1	<i>How To Build A Relational Large Group</i>	Kids need relationships with leaders & peers like never before on their journey to find & follow Jesus. Small groups provide a natural opportunity – but most of us spend a significant amount of time in large groups. Can large groups be relational, too? YES! Come and discover some easy, proven methods that will grow your ministry and transform your large group setting into a fun time of intentional relationship building & discipleship!	All Learning Levels
<b>Amy Outler</b>		Outreach 1	1	<i>5 Criteria to Consider When Choosing a VBS Theme</i>	Dive into the top five criteria churches use when choosing a VBS theme and learn how apply them to your unique situation. This hands-on training will leave you with a list of your "non-negotiables" for a vibrant VBS program, plus you will benefit from a free VBS Planner Pack handout with great tips to get started on VBS planning before you even choose a theme. This breakout time will end with some Q&A.	Establishing
<b>Jennifer Daehling</b>		Outreach 2	1	<i>Little Warriors: Training Children to be Involved in the Great Commission</i>	Children's ministry leaders have been entrusted to shape the next generation of leaders in the cause of Christ. How might we maximize the impact we have on these children so that we can reach many generations to come? We must instill a heart for evangelism and missions at an early age! In this breakout session, you will learn how to incorporate missions in your children's ministry so that they can develop a love for the great commission early on.	Establishing

<b>Maureen Berger</b>		Parents and Family 1	1	<i>Help Children and their Families Listen and Talk to God</i>	Encouraging spiritual practices with the families you serve is key! In this interactive breakout will engage you in the practice of Scripture prayer, facilitate reflection and discussion on a variety of prayer practices, and lead you to try out some age-appropriate tools designed to help children speak to and hear from God. Leave equipped to lead the same workshop for parents and grandparents in your own ministry!	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Dr. Luz Gálvez de Figueroa</b>		Parents and Family 2	1	<i>Developing an Intergenerational &amp; Intercultural Family Ministry</i>	Our society is structured to separate the generations and the cultures, but the Body of Christ includes people from all generations and all cultures. Biblically we are united, from the youngest to the oldest. Worshipping Him together, serving Him together, doing life together. Gain key insights for what it looks like to model and develop a gospel-centered Intergenerational and Intercultural Family Ministry where the inclusiveness and affirmation are not the only end goal, but the Biblical message is.	All Learning Levels
<b>Kelsie Bostic</b>		Specialty	1	<i>Ballin' on a Budget</i>	It is tough when money is a scarcity, but that is never a reason for the Gospel not to be spread. Your VBS, Sunday School, and/or kid's events can be "Ballin on a Budget" thanks to Dollar Tree, bargain shopping and creativity. Hear how King's Kids grew from one classroom to eight, from nothing into something - and stayed within budget.	All Learning Levels
<b>Dr. Chris Corbett Caiti Corbett Salmon</b>		Specialty	1	<i>New to Children's Ministry Networking Connection</i>	Are you a new Children's Ministry Leader looking for community? Connect with other leaders just like yourself during this interactive, fun, and intentional session. You will leave having made a new friend and with a fresh idea to use in your ministry. (best for leaders within years 0-3 in children's ministry)	All Learning Levels
<b>Jeremy Spicer</b>		Specialty	1	<i>Basics of CPR</i>	Learn the aspects of CPR that are most relevant to your role as a children's ministry leader or volunteer. Completing this session will yield a lecture certification you can take back to your ministry. Great for teams or individuals. Session lead by a certified trainer. Space is limited.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jessica Bealer</b>		Volunteers 1	1	<i>Recruiting Never Stops</i>	Are you struggling to find enough volunteers each week? Teams ebb and flow, but if it seems like you never have enough volunteers, this breakout is for you. We'll be discussing how to have a continuous recruiting strategy so that you never find yourself in a major deficit again.	Developing

<b>Kristi McElheney</b>		Volunteers 2	1	<i>From Donuts to Discipleship: Growing a Culture of Invested Volunteers through Discipleship</i>	"If you feed them, they will come," is a mentality we've all used to attract volunteers into our ministry. How do we help them get to the next level? In this breakout you will learn specific ways to not just build a volunteer team, but to invest in the spiritual lives of your volunteers as you grow them into leaders. Participants will learn practical steps to take to build their volunteer ministry through discipleship.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Day 1   Breakout 2   2pm</b>						
<b>Dr. Valerie Davidson Dr. Virginia Brennan</b>		Discipleship 1	2	<i>Laying a Foundation of Biblical Literacy at Every Age</i>	God's Word is for all people, of all ages. We will draw from the fields of child development and education to discuss strategies for guiding children to know, understand, and love God's word at every developmental stage - from bed babies to teens! We want the Word of God to be central from day one, all the way until children graduate out of our ministry. *Will co-present with Virginia Brennan	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Jana Magruder</b>		Discipleship 1	2	<i>Identity Found: How to Help Kids Know Their Identity in Christ</i>	Kids are searching for who they are in the midst of countless cultural messages. How does the Church respond? We know that true identity is only found in Jesus. Come explore 12 simple, biblical truths that can help kids know who they are because of who God is, not who the world tells them they should be. These truths can help shape your ministry strategy as you equip parents and leaders to help kids know their real ID.	All Learning Levels
<b>Dr. Robert Crosby Kayla Smith</b>		Discipleship 2	2	<i>Creating Trauma-Informed Small Groups</i>	Many hurting kids have no safe place to talk about their lives, share feelings, or receive prayer and encouragement. A weekly small group can change a child's life by meeting these critical needs. In this session, you will distinguish the features and benefits of a trauma-informed small group, diagram a five-point strategy for leading a life-changing small group, and demonstrate a brief check-in routine that fosters intimacy, healing, and growth within a community of faith.	All Learning Levels
<b>Sean Sweet</b>		Discipleship 3	2	<i>Preteens and Music: Using Music to build Faith that Lasts Beyond Sunday</i>	As kids move into their preteen years, their music choices rapidly becomes the soundtrack of their lives. Hear fresh research on how music can help develop faith in your preteens that will last a lifetime. Plus, learn tested strategies you can use this weekend to positively influence their musical choices.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jen Edwards</b>		Leadership 1	2	<i>How To Measure Success</i>	One opinion says "ministry numbers don't matter" and then the next blog will tell you that you should always "know your numbers". Playing the numbers game to measure success turns into head counts and ratios. There is a better way: measure engagement. You can show with clear measurables that your ministry is discipling the next generation. Join us and learn how to truly measure success.	Developing

<b>Melissa Hendrickson</b>		Leadership 2	2	<i>The Power of Collaboration</i>	When you think of collaboration, you might think of a group project gone wrong and wince at the idea of working on a team. However, healthy collaboration leads to transformation of our teams and ministries, and is worth working to achieve. In this breakout, learn what healthy collaboration looks like and see how you can take steps that lead to your community working together more effectively.	Advancing
<b>Charity Kauffman</b>		Leadership 3	2	<i>New to Children's Ministry? How to Make a Splash Without Getting All Wet</i>	Welcome to the wonderful world of Children's Ministry! You've moved from getting your feet wet in ministry waters to jumping in wholeheartedly. Cannonball! Come discover a strategic plan to anchor you and your ministry team in success. You'll come away with practical tips from children's ministry leaders, helping you manage your ministry, balance your life, and navigate the unknown waters on the horizon.	Establishing
<b>Angie Hooie</b>		Mini-Course	2	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 102: Winning with Preschool Parents</i>	The age of the preschoolers plays a critical role in the way parents perceive us and ultimately give us permission to care for their little ones. The goal is not only to know who the parents are but to build strong relational bonds that ultimately end up benefiting everyone. In this second session gain practical insights into building connections, relationships, community, and trust with Preschool Parents.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Vance Martin</b>		Mini-Course	2	<i>Ministry Administration Mini-Course 102</i>	TBA - See Acelevents for updates on details.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Caiti Corbett Salmon</b>		Mini-Course	2	<i>New to Children's Ministry 102: Identifying Vision, Mission, Purpose, and Core Values</i>	In the second session of this course, you will gain knowledge in your understanding of foundational principles for your leadership that will give you direction and purpose in ministry. You will be equipped with tools for identifying mission, purpose, and core values.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray</b>		Mini-Course	2	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 102: How to Support Non-Traditional Family Systems in the Church</i>	In the second session of the course, gain helpful insights into the uniquenesses of non-traditional family systems. You will be equipped to communicate with, minister to, and support these families in your role as a children's pastor.	Developing/ Advancing

<b>Carl Barnhill</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 1	2	<i>How to Use Graphics and Video to Visually Communicate the Gospel</i>	Are you on the search for digital tools which will enhance your ministry? This breakout will equip you with several ways to use creative media in Children's Ministry. You'll learn how to find ready-made media for kids and gain creative ideas for types of media content you can use to impact the lives of those in your ministry.	All Learning Levels
<b>Kenny Conley</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	2	<i>A Spiritual Milestones Pathway for Your Kids Ministry</i>	Child discipleship happens through ongoing conversations and experiences at home and at church. However, there are a few moments along the way that have a way of shaking things up and getting kids (and their parents) back on track. In this breakout, we'll talk about five transformative milestone experiences (like baby dedication and baptism) that chart a pathway of spiritual growth and put parents in the driver's seat of their child's spiritual development.	Advancing
<b>Dale Hudson</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	2	<i>Be Our Church Guest: Pursuing Excellence in the Guest Experience</i>	People decide in the first 8 minutes if they are going to return to your church or not. The first impression truly is a lasting impression. Discover how to create a welcoming, excellent guest services experience that exceeds the expectations of guests.	All Learning Level
<b>Marie Kuck</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	2	<i>Guidelines for Ministering to Kids with Varying Abilities</i>	Do you desire to serve kids in your ministry with varying abilities well? In this breakout, you will discover how to connect with children who have unique needs, support their families and train volunteers effectively. You will also explore exceptional programs, curriculum, sensory rooms and ministry models and resources to help ministries of all sizes and experience levels.	All Learning Levels
<b>Ron Daniels</b>		Outreach 1	2	<i>Reaching &amp; Connecting Families Through Sports Outreach</i>	Relationships begin by inviting families to church. Sports bring people together. How can you combine these two truths and make an impact for Christ in your community? Join us in this breakout as we come together to formulate a plan that allows families to connect, engage, and be a part of your church through sports.	Developing
<b>David Laflin</b>		Outreach 2	2	<i>Attracting and Re-Connecting Families to Your Church</i>	Getting families to reconnect with your ministry (or find it the first time!) can be extremely challenging. What are families looking for? How can you serve them best and increase your impact? In this breakout we will tackle these challenges and more as we strive to bring families back home to your church.	Developing/ Advancing

<b>Jessica Bealer</b>		Parents and Family 1	2	<i>Connecting with the Families You Serve</i>	People are looking for connection, now more than ever before. Exactly how do you build relationships with the families in your church? This breakout will equip you with practical steps you can take to connect better with those God has called you to serve. You can have a greater impact on families through deeper, more relational methods.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Nick Blevins</b>		Parents and Family 2	2	<i>Developing an Aligned Family Ministry Strategy</i>	Your church serves children, teenagers, their parents, and their families. You have volunteers to lead, leadership to follow, parents to equip, budgets to manage, and a calendar to maximize. How do you connect all these elements together into a cohesive strategy from infant through high school or college? In this breakout, we will unpack a process for developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy for your Family Ministry.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Andy Kirk</b>		Specialty	2	<i>Understanding and Engaging Generation Alpha</i>	Gen Alpha, the generation born between 2010 and 2025, is growing up in an era of unprecedented technological advancement and societal change. As digital natives, they possess unique characteristics and expectations that demand innovative approaches to engagement. In this dynamic breakout, we will explore strategies to effectively engage Gen Alpha, understanding their mindset, motivations, and aspirations, to nurture their full potential in Christ.	All Learning Levels
<b>David Murphy</b>		Specialty	2	<i>Stepping into Multi-Site Ministry</i>	This breakout is designed to help children's ministry leaders step into multi-site ministry. We will cover everything from set-up to creating a common thread of vision and ministry culture across diverse and differing church sites. Hear personal stories of success and failure, and be challenged, as a group, to learn together and ultimately be encouraged.	Establishing
<b>Jeremy Spicer</b>		Specialty	2	<i>Basics of First Aid</i>	Learn the aspects of First Aid that are most relevant to your role as a children's ministry leader or volunteer. Completing this session will yield a lecture certification you can take back to your ministry. Great for teams or individuals. Session lead by a certified trainer. Space is limited.	All Learning Levels
<b>Bo Harrington</b>		Volunteers 1	2	<i>I Have Volunteers...Now What?</i>	The multiplication of disciples is totally dependent upon us becoming a fruitful disciple and then helping others to do the same! In this breakout you will discover how to create a leadership development track for your volunteers. You will leave with tools and ideas you can immediately implement in your ministry.	Establishing



<b>Lauren Jackson</b>		Volunteers 2	2	<i>Every Volunteer is a Theologian: How to Strengthen Your Team's Confidence in Sharing the Gospel</i>	We all know that it is important to train our volunteers on policies and procedures, but how often do you equip your team theologically? If every volunteer is tasked to teach the Gospel to kids, then they should be given the opportunity to strengthen their theological understanding and gain confidence in what they share with kids. In this breakout, learn why we need to treat our volunteers like theologians and equip them to share big truths with children about who God is.	Advancing
<b>Day 2   Breakout 3   10:50am</b>						
<b>Kirsten Hitchcock</b>		Discipleship 1	3	<i>Moving from Literacy to Fluency: Helping Kids See Themselves in the Story of Scripture</i>	What's the difference in Bible literacy and Bible fluency? And why is this distinction important? In this workshop, dive into different ways to read and study Scripture to help kids see the big picture of God's story and how they fit within it. We'll dive into the importance of unpacking Scripture both corporately in community and individually. Move from simply sharing Bible facts to connecting the big story from one piece to the next.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Yancy Wideman Richmond</b>		Discipleship 1	3	<i>Hungry for More: The Heart of Worship Discipleship</i>	How do we help kids experience God's presence and hunger for more? Yancy will share about creating spaces for kids to experience God through worship, a pathway to encountering the presence of God. Participants will learn about worship discipleship and dive into why this is a crucial area of ministry for every generation. The goal is to help leaders grasp that making space for kids to encounter Jesus through times of worship is a discipleship necessity.	Advancing
<b>Kim Botto</b>		Discipleship 2	3	<i>Embracing the Beauty and Brokenness of Adoption and Foster Care: Supporting Parents and Kids Well</i>	The beauty of adoption comes through the breaking of a family. Even after a child is in a safe and secure home, hurt and pain remain. Embracing the whole story better equips us to support both our own kids and parents who are caring for kids who have experienced trauma. Let's dig into the why behind some attitudes and behaviors while exploring practical ways to better support kids who have experienced the loss of their birth parents.	All Learning Levels
<b>Melia Warren</b>		Discipleship 3	3	<i>From Knowing to Abiding: Developing Christian Leaders in Preteens</i>	Preteens are a unique age group that live in between crossroads of childhood and becoming a teenager. By this age, children may have heard so much about Jesus, but need a safe place to explore what it means to abide in Jesus. In this breakout, you will learn practical, easily replicable tools that will equip you to create a safe environment to foster relationships, and guide tweens to take ownership of their faith journeys	All Learning Levels
<b>Cera Talamantes</b>		Leadership 1	3	<i>Leading Through Grief</i>	Grief happens at all stages of life and leadership. Having tools and resources in your back pocket when grief strikes helps support both healthy leadership and a healthy relationship with God. We will spend our time together using Jesus' example of grief to discover ways to recognize, sit in, grow through, and lean forward as we enter seasons of grief in our leadership and lives.	All Learning Levels

<b>Mercedes Hayes</b>		Leadership 2	3	<i>Racing Towards Personal Progress: How to Take Control Your Time Through Realistic Time Management</i>	Do You feel like you work and work but your to-do list never is completed? Do you feel that between work, family, and friends that you are never succeeding in any area? Have you tried the latest trends in time management and still feel frustrated? Then this breakout is for you. In this session, you will learn realistic and maintainable ways to take back control of your time.	Developing
<b>Jason Tilley</b>		Leadership 3	3	<i>Designing Your Children's Ministry Plan as a New Children's Ministry Leader</i>	Leading a growing and active children's ministry can be overwhelming. Where do you concentrate your time? What is most important? What is my senior leader looking for? Is this ministry moving in the right direction? Leading a children's ministry doesn't have to be confusing. In this workshop, you'll design a ministry strategy for the three most important people groups in children's ministry: children, parents, and volunteers.	Establishing
<b>Kim Hudson Angie Hooie</b>		Mini-Course	3	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 103: Celebrating Child Dedication: An Intentional Framework That Impacts the Whole Family</i>	What does it look like to have the whole family involved in an intentional dedication? Celebrating child dedication as a church family, even expanding your scope beyond infants, can have an impact on the lives of your community beyond what you may realize. In the third session of this course, we will take a deep dive into what Biblical child dedication is, what it is not, and how your church can make an intentional impact on the whole family.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Vance Martin</b>		Mini-Course	3	<i>Ministry Administration Mini-Course 103</i>	TBA - See Acelevents for updates on details.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Gary Lindsay</b>		Mini-Course	3	<i>New to Children's Ministry 103: Building Healthy Teams 1</i>	We believe ministry happens best in relationships. In the third and fourth sessions of this course, you will gain insight into the most important relationships you have as a new leader, which are the relationships you have with your teams. You will be equipped with tools and strategies to build healthy teams that will advance your ministry and discipleship of kids and families, forward.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray</b>		Mini-Course	3	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 103: Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language Session</i>	Our current culture (US) currently recognizes 76 different types of sexuality with six different forms of attraction and many more niche and specific identities being carved out. Learning how to navigate this reality as a Children's Ministry leader starts with gaining an awareness of the common terms and language associated with these identities. In the third session of this course, grow in your knowledge of LGBTQ+ terms and language. This knowledge ultimately becomes the basis for productive conversations that lead to effective ministry to families dealing with the complexities of gender identity.	Developing/ Advancing

<b>Jess Ray</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 1	3	<i>Making Social Media Work: Easy Principles for Ministry Engagement</i>	Do your ministry social media pages fall somewhere on a scale between “I give up,” and “Do I have to?” If you’re struggling to find your way on social media, don’t stress! There are easy, common sense steps to get you back on track. Join Jess Ray, Digital Marketing Director at Doorpost Songs, and learn how to craft a voice for your ministry, develop core messaging, and work smarter, not harder on your way to a social media strategy that really works!	All Learning Level
<b>Charity Kauffman</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	3	<i>Deep and Wide: Meaningful Bible Experiences for Combined Age Groups</i>	Social scientists have researched what happens when children of different ages play and learn together. Guess what? There are advantages for kids of all ages to be together! Come find out how your church will benefit from combined-age classrooms. Discover how preschool and elementary kids can effectively explore Bible truth together, and how, as their teacher, you can facilitate cooperation, community, and deep Bible discoveries.	All Learning Levels
<b>David Ray</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	3	<i>Let the Kids Lead: Building Teams of Next-Gen Worship Leaders</i>	What if your kids worship ministry went from surviving to thriving? From onstage worship leadership to hand motions, from tech teams to greeters, learn the step-by-step process that will help you build “next-gen” teams to lead a thriving kids worship ministry. When you let the kids lead, you can help a new generation of worship leaders find an entry point into ministry, learn and grow in their craft, and make an eternal investment in their future.	Advancing
<b>Beth Golik</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	3	<i>Training Your Children's Ministry Team for Disability Inclusion</i>	Your volunteers are key in creating a culture where students of all learning styles are fully engaged and growing in their faith. Equip your volunteers with the tools and strategies to meet the needs of the types of students you are likely to have in your Sunday School classroom, including kids with hidden disabilities and behavior challenges. This session will have hands-on activities and case-based training that you can experience first-hand and then take back to your church to share with your team.	All Learning Levels
<b>Dr. Virginia Brennan</b>		Outreach 1	3	<i>Plan VBS with Confidence: Twelve Months of Strategy to Stay One Step Ahead</i>	Do you have a year-round strategy for VBS? Come walk through an entire year of planning - from one VBS to the next! Gain tips and ideas to stay ahead of the game in VBS prep, volunteer recruitment, and follow up strategy. You'll receive an example timetable to adapt for your church's needs to be well prepared for VBS and help prevent last minute stress and scramble.	Establishing/Developing
<b>Aaron Collier</b>		Outreach 2	3	<i>Better Together: How Churches Can Impact Their Community</i>	How do we show communities that we are FOR them while standing on the word of God and impacting communities together? Learn strategies for building trust with your community. Lives will be impacted as we learn to be better together.	Establishing

<b>Dr. Denise Kjesbo Shelley Henning Dr. Luz Gálvez de Figueroa</b>		Parents and Family 1	3	<i>Nurturing Faith Between Home and Church</i>	At CPC23 we invited the community to participate in this survey: how to foster greater connection between home and church in the spiritual formation of children and adults. We also surveyed the Latino community through Entre Ninos – the first survey of its kind! The results are in! Come to this Breakout to find out what we learned from the survey and implications for empowering faith formation in partnership between church and home.	All Learning Levels
<b>Crystal Mazzuca</b>		Parents and Family 2	3	<i>Reaching the Inconsistent Family</i>	For different reasons and in different seasons, families miss church. When the excuses are greater than the attendance, we can find ourselves worried, disappointed, frustrated, and sometimes even judgmental. How can we help these families be more consistent? In this breakout, Crystal will give insight, encouragement, and practical tools about how leaders can support and reach these families in a way that will result in growth in both faith and (hopefully!) church attendance.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Allen Bishop</b>		Specialty	3	<i>Multi-Site Ministry: Balancing the Tension Between Central Equipping and Local Execution</i>	Feeling alone as you navigate the many facets of multi-site ministry? The challenges are endless, especially when we factor in the unique contexts of campuses, cultures and facilities. This breakout will help you navigate the tension between building a quality central kids ministry plan that speaks to each campus uniqueness and the execution of that plan by the local kids leadership.	All Learning Levels
<b>Melissa J. MacDonald</b>		Specialty	3	<i>Children's Ministry Under 30 Kids Networking Connection</i>	Do you lead a children's ministry with a small number of kids and combined age groups? Connect with other leaders that serve in this unique context during this networking session. You will have an opportunity to share your experiences and ideas with other leaders. Leave with a new friend and something unique for your toolkit.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jeremy Spicer</b>		Specialty	3	<i>CPR/First Aid Hands-on</i>	If you participate in the Basics of CPR or First Aid sessions, join this optional hands-on practice session with the instructor. Print materials will be given for you to take home to your ministry. Space is limited.	All Learning Levels
<b>Heather Eichler</b>		Volunteers 1	3	<i>Building Your Volunteer Leadership Team – Part 1</i>	We all know that volunteers are the key to a healthy, thriving kid's ministry. It can feel challenging to navigate the demands of leading a ministry while also effectively equipping, empowering and discipling those who serve on our team. In part one of this two part breakout, you'll receive a practical framework for implementing a sustainable leadership pipeline for your team and walk away with steps you can take when you get home.	Establishing/ Developing

<b>Kenny Conley</b>		Volunteers 2	3	<i>Replicate Your Leadership Through Ministry Coaches</i>	Ever wished you could be in more than one place at the same time? Or wished that there was another version of you to take on the impossible ministry workload? Cloning is not the answer, but empowering volunteers to lead like staff could be the solution you need. The most effective ministries rally teams of coach-level volunteers who lead key ministry areas and other volunteers. It's time to level up your leadership and expand your impact.	Advancing
<b>Day 2   Breakout 4   2pm</b>						
<b>Coleen Cotton</b>		Discipleship 1	4	<i>Equipping Kids: How to Help Them Love Quiet Time</i>	Research has shown that one of the biggest impacts we can have on a child's spiritual growth is to equip them to have a personal quiet time where they get into God's Word on their own and listen to what God is saying to them. This breakout will help you inspire children to build a lifelong practice of digging deep into God's Word and give them the skills and practices for doing it well.	Advancing
<b>Dr. Mimi Larson</b>		Discipleship 1	4	<i>Eight Ways to Nurture a Preschoolers' Faith</i>	A young child's faith is developed through a mosaic of meaningful channels. But how can adults create an authentic atmosphere of faith where children can explore their understandings and engage with God? This workshop will explore the eight different ways preschoolers experience faith and how adults can create an environment with intentional experiences that nurture spiritual meaning-making.	All Learning Levels
<b>Dr. Steve Grcevich</b>		Discipleship 2	4	<i>Including Kids on the "High End" of the Autism Spectrum at Church</i>	The presence of a child with autism decreases family church attendance by 84%. Nearly 60% of children with autism are of normal intelligence and resist "special needs" ministry designed for kids with intellectual disabilities. Mental health concerns common in autism often exacerbate their challenges at church. This breakout will introduce approaches for including them into the full range of children's ministry programming by incorporating mental health ministry strategies with established approaches for serving youth with autism.	All Learning Levels
<b>Corinne Noble</b>		Discipleship 3	4	<i>Refresh Your VBS</i>	VBS doesn't have to be lame or out-dated! Join me as I share why the concept of VBS can be relevant and effective. I will share some ways to update this event for today's culture and the keys to having a successful VBS.	All Learning Levels
<b>Christie Penner Worden</b>		Leadership 1	4	<i>Parenting Imperfect Kids (as a "Perfect Pastor")</i>	It is a family business when a parent is called into ministry! But our kids didn't necessarily sign up for the assignment, nor did they get the memo on the expectations held of them by others. How do we make space to raise authentic kids who feel accepted and welcome just as they are? How do we engage with our kids in our ministries while it feels like our parenting is on display? And how can we help the church family come alongside our pastoral families well without requiring them to put on a show? Is there grace for our kids to be kids (and for us to struggle as parents)?	All Learning Levels

<b>Mercedes Hayes</b>		Leadership 2	4	<i>Moving Mountains: Mastering Project Management</i>	Have you been planning large events but want to improve your efficiency and decrease your stress? This in-depth breakout will focus on equipping you with tools to make managing big ministry events feel more doable and more efficient. This will include examining techniques of initiating, planning, executing large ministry projects.	Developing
<b>Kim Hudson Angie Hooie</b>		Mini-Course	4	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 104: Hosting Amazing and Effective Preschool Events</i>	Preschool parents are often longing for connection points with other families and parents who are navigating similar developmental journeys. What would it look like to maximize milestones in the lives of your littles and host events that are not only fun but deposit the building blocks of connection and relationship with your preschoolers and their parents? In the fourth session of this course, you will grow in your understanding of maximizing your events for greater impact and leave with practical events you can begin planning as soon as you return home.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Vance Martin</b>		Mini-Course	4	<i>Ministry Administration Mini-Course 104</i>	TBA - See Acelevents for updates on details.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Gary Lindsay</b>		Mini-Course	4	<i>New to Children's Ministry 104: Building Healthy Teams 2</i>	We believe ministry happens best in relationships. In the third and fourth sessions of this course, you will gain insight into the most important relationships you have as a new leader, which are the relationships you have with your teams. You will be equipped with tools and strategies to build healthy teams that will advance your ministry and discipleship of kids and families, forward.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray</b>		Mini-Course	4	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 104: Guided Q&amp;A based on Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language Session</i>	The fourth session of this course is a follow-up Q&A session to the first session of this course: Unpacking LGBTQ Terms and Language.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Robbie Song</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 1	4	<i>Using YouTube to Reach Families for Jesus!</i>	Have you ever wondered how a YouTube channel could broaden your ministry reach? In this breakout, learn how you can use this tool to effectively connect with kids and families alike. Leave this session motivated to express your creativity in new ways as you share the Gospel.	All Learning Levels

<b>Kellie Bartley</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	4	<i>5 Ways to Get Kids Engaged in Interactive Bible Teaching</i>	How do we keep up with viral videos and addictive apps like Tik Tok in teaching kids? How do we keep children every bit as engaged with the message of the Word as they are with the messages of the world? This breakout reveals five key methods we can use to develop strong, biblical values in the next generation and plant seeds for lifelong faith.	Developing/ Establishing
<b>Harrison Litzell</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	4	<i>Inclusive Worship Practices for All Ages</i>	The Sanctuary is Holy Ground where all are welcome to approach the presence of God. How can we make this space not only open to children, but supportive of their needs and the ways that they interact with the worshipping community and God? This breakout will feature ideas and tools to curate a supportive place for worshippers of all ages, and ways to include the whole church in this effort.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Kevin Johnson</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	4	<i>An Intergenerational Approach to Abuse Prevention in Faith Communities: Safer Sanctuaries</i>	How safe is your ministry? This breakout emphasizes the importance of preventing harm as an act of loving one another. Come and explore a holistic approach to an abuse prevention policy where individuals can experience God's abiding love and foster healthy relationships. This approach provides safe-haven, true connection in healthy relationships, the opportunity to respond to painful scripture passages while offering justice and compassion.	All Learning Levels
<b>Dr. Josh Mulvihill</b>		Outreach 1	4	<i>How to Develop a Homeschool Ministry in Your Church</i>	Homeschooling is exploding, families are looking for help, and your church can provide it! Learn why education matters in the discipleship of children, how to support homeschool families, and capture a vision to expand your family ministry impact. Join Dr. Josh Mulvihill, veteran homeschool father of five, to learn the practical ways that his church went from 0 to 1,500 children in two years by opening their doors to homeschool families.	Advancing
<b>John Hailes</b>		Outreach 2	4	<i>Reaching the Unchurched Kids in Your Community</i>	Are you successful in reaching kids outside the walls of your church? As culture continues to change, we will need to adapt the way we engage the unchurched in our communities! This breakout will outline steps that can help your church build an outreach strategy to effectively reach the unchurched kids in your community.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Byron Ragains Lynne Howard Courtney Wilson</b>		Parents and Family 1	4	<i>Equipping Parents: Building Spiritual Foundations with Kids</i>	As ministry leaders, we deeply desire to see sons and daughters become the people God made them to be. We work hard to help kids grow in the faith, but hands down, parents are the greatest influencers of their children's faith formation. This breakout will help leaders equip parents in their important role. From speaking blessings to declaring truth to sitting at the table together, discover practical tools for parents to engage in the spiritual formation of their children.	All Learning Levels







<b>Leann Woelk</b>		Discipleship 1	5	<i>Discipling Kids in Prayer: Practical Strategies for Teaching Kids How to Pray</i>	TBA - See Acelevents for updates on details.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Christina Embree</b>		Discipleship 1	5	<i>Bridges and Barriers: Identifying Opportunities to Connect Generations for Lifelong Discipleship</i>	Are you curious about whether or not to separate ages and generations in ministry? Age segregation in society has been widely researched and shown to have a significant impact on our general communal well-being. Using data from a recent case study of ten multi-denominational churches, this session will equip you with skills to identify structures in your church that hinder or heighten age integration.	Advancing
<b>Dr. Robert Crosby Kayla Smith</b>		Discipleship 2	5	<i>Worship with Hurting Kids: Connecting Hearts to Christ</i>	Our greatest desire as children's ministry leaders is to see the kids we love encounter Christ and experience the presence of God in worship. But for kids who have experienced trauma, this can feel out of reach. They need the comforting presence of Christ, but it seems impossible to engage them. In this session, we will explore strategies to help hurting kids engage in worship and come to know the God of all comfort.	All Learning Levels
<b>Preston Plentl</b>		Discipleship 3	5	<i>Connecting Kids to the Holy Spirit</i>	The concept of the Holy Spirit is not the easiest thing to communicate and understand. However, it is essential for us in experiencing all of God's power and presence in our lives. In this breakout, we will explore ways to bring kids into closer and deeper understanding of the very person Jesus left to guide and empower us.	All Learning Levels
<b>Caris Snider</b>		Discipleship 3	5	<i>Navigating Tweens, Anxiety and Social Media</i>	Are you searching for ways to equip parents of tweens on how to parent in this digital world? In this breakout, we will discuss statistics of social media's effect on the mental health of tweens and how symptoms will appear. We will dive into practical solutions for parents to use to guide their children to stay off of social media until their family is ready to take that step. We will define healthy habits to implement when students enter this digital world and equip you with lessons to take back to parents of the tweens in your ministry.	All Learning Levels
<b>Angie Hooie</b>		Leadership 1	5	<i>Living a Healthy Rhythm of Your Marriage and Your Ministry</i>	God desires us to grow in our relationship with Him, in our marriage, and in our ministry role. What does it look like to find rhythms in all of that? In this breakout, learn how to keep God at the center while loving your partner well and pursuing your ministry calling.	All Learning Levels

<b>Kristi McElheney Emily Harmon</b>		Leadership 2	5	<i>Focus on Fun: Cultivating a Joy-Filled Staff Culture</i>	We might know how to bring the fun for kids and students, but what about when it comes to having fun with the people on our team? In this breakout, learn how to establish joy-bringing rhythms in your day and how they can spark creativity, reduce stress, and improve connection among staff members. You'll walk away from this time with three action items that will instantly build some "fun factor" in your staff.	Establishing
<b>Teresa Huddleston Tim Huddleston Deborah Addington</b>		Leadership 3	5	<i>Seasoned Leaders Learning Lab</i>	Interactive learning forum for seasoned leaders. See Acelevents for updated details. Additional speakers to be announced.	Championing
<b>Dr. Mimi Larson</b>		Mini-Course	5	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 105: Best Practices for Preschool Spaces</i>	There is so much to consider when designing and arranging your preschool spaces. What does it look like to evaluate and rethink the places and spaces in your ministry that host littles? Whether you have a large or small budget, shared, mobile, or stationary room(s) for preschoolers, session 5 of this course will help you gain clarity on the "do's" and "don'ts" of your space.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Kim Botto</b>		Mini-Course	5	<i>New to Children's Ministry 105: Foundations of Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry</i>	In the fifth session of this course, you will grow in your competency as a trauma-informed children's ministry leader. You will be empowered with knowledge and strategies to apply to your ministry practices that will help you serve children who have experienced trauma with greater awareness and care.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray Julie Pompeo</b>		Mini-Course	5	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 105: How to Help Parents Feel Supported as they Navigate Rage and Anger With Their Children</i>	Anger is a normal healthy emotion but when it reaches peak or is a constant it becomes Rage. Rage is the feeling of complete loss of control and many parents and caregivers are struggling through daily tantrums and meltdowns. In the 5th session of this course, we will discuss how to connect with these "firecracker" kids and give the practical support families need.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Adam Leahey</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 1	5	<i>How to Make Your Children's Ministry Digital Marketing Irresistible</i>	Do you ever feel like you just email to email or post to post on social media? Noise and brands that only update get ignored. Learn how to create fun, engaging and moment based marketing for families in your community.	All Learning Levels

<b>Lori Pepiton</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	5	<i>Structuring Ministry Spaces with Neurodiversity in Mind</i>	In Children's Ministry, we know that the design of our ministry space is a key component of our overall strategy for reaching and connecting with kids. In this breakout, learn how neurodiversity, the unique way God created our brains as individuals, plays a role in the design of your KidMin space. Explore how this design helps encourage your overall environment towards learning and collaboration with both children and adults.	Advancing
<b>Josh Denhart</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	5	<i>Effective Teaching: How to Reach All + Lose None</i>	How do you teach the Bible in a way that reaches kids who have never heard of Jesus without boring the child who has a deep understanding of scripture? Is it possible to reach all and lose none? It is! Come and learn the interrelated balance of the 3 most important components in our teaching: Relationship, Rigor, Relevance. You will walk away from this breakout as a better Bible teacher!	All Learning Levels
<b>Melodie Bissell</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	5	<i>How to Advocate for Better Safety Policies in Your Church</i>	A church's approach to child safety is most successful when there is a good governance foundation with policies and code of conduct in place. Unfortunately, safeguarding often falls on a part-time children's ministry leader without the support of church leaders. Creating robust child safety policies and procedures prevents abuse and gives clear guidance in responding to violations. The learner will gain a greater understanding of whose responsibility it is to establish policies and how to secure buy-in from the Board.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jody Brolsma</b>		Outreach 1	5	<i>Is Your VBS Making Disciples?</i>	Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a go-to event for churches to reach kids in their communities. But VBS should be more than just getting kids through the door. In this breakout, you'll evaluate if your VBS kids are receiving a quick introduction to Jesus, or the foundation for a lifelong relationship. We'll explore practical ways to ensure your VBS is designed for disciple-making so that your program will reach out and reach into kids' hearts.	Advancing
<b>Dr. Trisha Peach</b>		Outreach 2	5	<i>The Poverty Problem: Making a Difference in Your Community Through Children's Ministry</i>	What are the unique challenges faced by kid's ministries in areas with high poverty? Children are facing the pain of poverty in rural areas as well as urban areas. What concrete steps can churches/ministries take to make a difference for children in poverty in their community?	Advancing
<b>Crys &amp; Matt Gorman</b>		Parents and Family 1	5	<i>Engaging Families in Spiritual Formation</i>	When it comes to the spiritual formation of children, who has the most responsibility? Parents? The church? New OneHope research completed in the last 6 months will provide the most up-to-date picture of US parents and the best way to communicate and advocate for a collaborative partnership between the church and parents – one that emphasizes the value of children's ministry, but does not replace parents' role in their child's discipleship.	Developing/ Advancing

<b>Hugo Michelle</b>	<b>Montes</b>	Parents and Family 2	5	<i>5 Effective All-Family Ministry Events</i>	Are you looking for new ways to engage families in your church and community? Join us to discover and discuss some practical and creative ideas for church-wide ministry and community engagement. Within this interactive breakout, you will receive step-by-step instructions for 5 highly impactful events that you can host at your church in 2024.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Gordon</b>	<b>West</b>		5	<i>Go Beyond Information to Transformation: How to Help Kids Know God</i>	Help kids get to know God, not just know about him. Learn to balance the knowledge-based focus of your curriculum by implementing simple, practical tips for integrating spiritual formation into your current program that help kids build a loving relationship with Jesus.	
<b>Melissa J.</b>	<b>MacDonald</b>	Specialty	5	<i>The Top 5 Things Kids are Praying About</i>	Come take a peek inside kids' prayer lives and find out what is burdening their hearts most often.	All Learning Levels
<b>Delia Andy Justin</b>	<b>Cornwall Kirk Edge</b>		5	<i>Multi-site Children's Ministry Networking Connection</i>	Do you serve kids in a multi-site church? Connect with other leaders who are navigating the world of multi-site ministry just like you. Leave this interactive session with fresh perspectives on leading and building teams in this ministry context.	
<b>Gary Gloria</b>	<b>Lindsay Lee</b>	Volunteers 1	5	<i>Win Back Your Weekend!: Empowering Volunteers for Ownership</i>	Tired of spending your week packing supplies and Fridays and Saturdays trying to fill volunteer roles? Unleash spiritual gifts in people by inviting them into creative roles to build your team and grow your ministry. You will leave with a plan as we look at ministry creatively to restructure and develop people to reach their potential and build relationships.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Vicki</b>	<b>Abbott</b>		5	<i>Building an Internship Program: Why Interns are Important to Ministry</i>	Unsure how to launch internships? Breakout participants will receive ideas and tools for setting up an intern program. You'll receive steps for training interns and gain skills to help them discern if the ministry call is for them.	
<b>Day 3   Breakout 6   2p</b>		Volunteers 2				Advancing/ Championing

<b>Coleen Cotton</b>		Discipleship 1	6	<i>Equipping Kids: How to Help Them Love Quiet Time</i>	Research has shown that one of the biggest impacts we can have on a child's spiritual growth is to equip them to have a personal quiet time where they get into God's Word on their own and listen to what God is saying to them. This breakout will help you inspire children to build a lifelong practice of digging deep into God's Word and give them the skills and practices for doing it well.	Advancing
<b>Lori Crosby</b>		Discipleship 1	6	<i>Speaking the Language of Children: Playtime as Discipleship</i>	From preschool to middle school (and beyond!), play is a primary means of connection. Playtime is not just a way to kill time before the "real" ministry work begins. When used strategically, play creates conditions for healing, builds relationships, and demonstrates God's love. Join play therapist Lori Crosby in this session as we explore how inclusive play can be an integral tool in reaching the kids in our ministries in the language they understand best.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Dr. Steve Grcevich</b>		Discipleship 2	6	<i>Helping Kids With ADHD to Grow Spiritually</i>	ADHD is the most common mental health disorder among school-age children in the U.S. In this breakout Dr. Grcevich will discuss the differences in brain functioning seen in persons with ADHD and outline how the condition impacts participation in worship services, Christian education and other common church activities. Attendees will identify common pitfalls to spiritual development in children with ADHD, identify useful strategies for including them into children's ministry programming and acquire practical ideas to share with family members seeking to promote spiritual growth in their child.	All Learning Levels
<b>Hugo &amp; Michelle Montes</b>		Leadership 1	6	<i>Cultivating an Environment of Authenticity (How to People Well)</i>	The disciples began to follow Jesus bringing their own life experiences, personalities, egos and values. Regardless of the internal and external pressures to do otherwise, Jesus led His team through the highs and lows of ministry; while creating an atmosphere of honesty, unity, responsibility and individuality. In this breakout, leaders will discover and discuss a practical 5-step process to cultivate authenticity within their team of servant leaders.	Developing
<b>Gary Gloria Lindsay Lee</b>		Leadership 2	6	<i>Can We Talk? The Art of Having Hard Conversations</i>	Find yourself at a loss at how to handle a conflict with... your boss, a parent, a volunteer, or a co-worker? Join us where we will discover three tools you can implement tomorrow that will make having hard conversations a win for your ministry and your mental well-being.	All Learning Levels
<b>Teresa Huddleston Tim Huddleston Deborah Addington</b>		Leadership 3	6	<i>Seasoned Leaders Learning Lab</i>	Interactive learning forum for seasoned leaders. See Accelevents for updated details. Additional speakers to be announced.	Championing

<b>Angie Hooie</b>		Mini-Course	6	<i>Early Childhood Essentials 106 - Collaborative Idea Brainstorm Session: Preschool Style</i>	In the sixth and final session of this course, you will have an opportunity to learn from your peers in a guided brainstorming and Q&A session. You will leave this session with fresh ideas and opportunities to ask questions in a safe place.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Caiti Corbett Salmon</b>		Mini-Course	6	<i>New to Children's Ministry 106: Communicating Biblical Truth</i>	In the sixth and final session of this course, you will discover and examine ways to effectively approach and communicate the big God story. You will gain confidence in your ability to teach scripture to children.	Establishing
<b>Dr. Kayla Pray</b>		Mini-Course	6	<i>Pastoral Care of Parents and Families 106: How to Equip Parents to Start and Sustain Critical Conversations Through Interactive Scenarios</i>	Conversations can be the key to discerning how to help children when they are in crisis, or just want to reveal something deeply personal. In the sixth and final session of this course, you will gain insight into how to equip parents to start and sustain critical conversations with their children. You will explore conversational strategies in a hands-on format through interactive role-playing.	Developing/ Advancing
<b>Adam Sculnick</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	6	<i>Where Did All The Men Go?: How to Encourage and Equip Men to be Successful in Ministry</i>	Men are the most underrepresented group in the average church volunteer base, especially in the area of Children's Ministry. This breakout will not only address why, but equip you with strategies to fix that. Learn how to encourage and empower the men of our churches to say yes to the call to have lasting impact on the lives of children.	Developing
<b>Sharon Stratmoen</b>		Ministry Admin and Approach 2	6	<i>Discipline Dilemmas: Answers to 7 Questions About Calming the Chaos</i>	Children's ministry leaders traditionally have a high tolerance for noise, disruption, and cases of the wiggles...or giggles! But kids' chaotic behaviors can pose a safety hazard, as well as become a frustration to kids who are engaged with the lesson. So when kids aren't paying attention or getting along, what do you do? Let's dig in to seven typical classroom management challenges and explore simple solutions for bringing calm into the chaos!	All Learning Levels
<b>Corinne Noble</b>		Outreach 1	6	<i>3 Ways to Draw Kids in and Keep Them There</i>	We all want to draw kids into our ministries, but are we doing enough to keep them? In this breakout, learn some practical ways to make kids want to attend church and give them an experience that will keep them in church for life.	Developing

<b>Lena Wooten</b>		Parents and Family 1	6	<i>Teaching Parents to be the Spiritual Leaders in their Homes</i>	Parents are the greatest influencers in their children's lives. How well are you doing in equipping them to lead their children spiritually? In this session, you will walk away with tools that will benefit and teach parents to lead their children and be the primary disciple makers in their home.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Lydia Randall</b>		Parents and Family 2	6	<i>How to Connect Traditions and Holidays to Family Discipleship</i>	When encouraging parents in their role as primary disciplers of their children, helping them to incorporate discipleship into their rhythms they already enjoy is key. In this breakout, explore creative ways to equip families in the discipleship of their kids by leveraging holidays and regular rhythms of life throughout the year.	All Learning Levels
<b>Jennifer Cronk Taryn Cleaves</b>		Specialty	6	<i>Healing From Church Hurt</i>	In a culture of deconstruction, people (including leaders) are walking AWAY from the Church faster than they are walking TOWARDS it. In this breakout, we'll seek to help guide folks through the process of healing from church hurt, talk through the theology of why the Church is essential, and navigate the challenges of staying when leaving is far easier.	All Learning Levels
<b>Mahogany Dudley-Finley Kathleen Jaoudi Matthew Haines David Ray</b>		Specialty	6	<i>INCM Panel: Managing Family, Marriage, and Relationships in Ministry</i>	As a leader, your first ministry is your family, and that ministry is not perfect. It can be hard to give your full self to your family and significant relationships and wrestle with the challenges that bring, all while being a strong example for those you lead. Join this transparent conversation about how to navigate family, marriage, and relationships in leadership.	All Learning Levels
<b>B.A. Snider</b>		Volunteers 1	6	<i>Who is in Charge Around Here Anyway?: Keys to Teaching Your Team Classroom Management</i>	Good classroom management begins with understanding the children in your care and good planning, but ultimately by leaning on the one who is truly in charge. This training will be great for you to take home to your leaders who are in the classrooms every week.	Establishing/ Developing
<b>Mallory (Mal) Corwin</b>		Volunteers 2	6	<i>Channeling Volunteer Motivation</i>	Why are your volunteers serving? Does that even matter? One of the greatest challenges for all kid's pastors is having enough volunteers on Sunday morning. Are you paying attention to why your team is showing up? Hint: It's not the same for everyone! While some volunteers desire community, others want to feel needed. In this breakout, discover different reasons your team is serving, or not serving, and how to maximize that information to create an unstoppable team!	Advancing

<b>Lena Wooten</b>		Specialty	6	<i>Parenting the Parents of Kids Ministry</i>	Come participate in this lab-like experience of ways to help the parents of your kids be more engaged. Parents do only what they know to do, but you can show them how to make a real difference with minimal effort. To truly help your ministry to kids, it is time to minister to their parents, even if they are not in church. Come experience four ways to train your parents how to parent from a discipleship perspective.	All Learning Levels
<b>Samuel Porcha</b>		Specialty	6	<i>Multifaceted Discipleship: Discipling the Whole Child</i>	As children's ministry leaders, we desire for the kids we get to lead to know everything there is to about their faith in Jesus. However, what if, in our efforts to help them grow in their knowledge of Christ we neglect to attend to the parts of them that make them whole person? In this breakout, we will unpack discipleship that nurtures the whole child. You will gain practical insight on how to incorporate emotional, social, and spiritual intelligence.	All Learning Levels
<b>Melanie Hester</b>		Specialty	6	<i>Navigating Gender Identity and Home Discipleship</i>	Gender Identity, Anxiety, and Home Discipleship. These 3 topics are affecting everything about how you lead your children's ministries. In this breakout, the Director of Discipleship Engagement for Awana, Melanie Hester, will offer a safe space for honest discussion. Learn how these 3 topics are related, what's fueling the intensity behind them, and big-picture ideas for navigating this delicate space with families.	All Learning Levels
<b>Kelli Smith</b>		Specialty	6	<i>Unleash the Potential of Parent Ministry</i>	Recent studies by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism paint a grim picture, reporting that 40% of parents feel the Church is irrelevant to their lives (2022), evidenced by the 75% decline in attendance among young families in their congregation. Right now, there is a unique opportunity for the Church to provide practical, relevant programming and resources for parents. Explore the latest research from Barna with will find groundbreaking data that will challenge long-held assumptions and unleash the untapped potential sitting in your Church right now.	All Learning Levels