

2023 BREAKOUT GUIDE

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Hello Community!

We are so excited that you decided to make CPC a part of your leadership development for your next year of ministry. A significant part of the development we hope you receive at CPC will happen in breakouts. Historically, breakouts have been one of the most well-loved components of CPC, and they are about to get even better.

We believe that your development journey deserves intentionality and focus. That is why we developed a new framework that will help you get the most out of your CPC Breakout Experience. This guide is designed to help introduce you to this framework and how to make it work for you as you select your breakouts.

HAPPY LEARNING!

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TRAINING MANAGER

HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

- ☐ 1» Print this guide
- ☐ 2» Print the Breakout List with descriptions and have it handy
- ☐ 3» Read page 3 of this document, then review the other pages
- ☐ 4» Use the page named Your Breakout Selection Worksheet in this guide to help you organize your choices
- ☐ 5» Reference your email from our team about breakout registration for further instructions on how to register for breakouts on our event app.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

For questions about Acelevents, the event platform, please contact Kelly Kaufmann, Registration Specialist. registration@incm.org

CPC Breakout Paths

At CPC23, you will have the choice of 120 breakouts. Selecting breakouts from such a large list can be overwhelming and it can be challenging to create your ideal schedule based on your needs as a leader. Our new framework, "CPC Breakout Paths", will make this process more approachable and result in more personalized breakout experience. Here's how it works.

All breakouts are divided into paths. A path is a curated learning journey designed to yield certain results. Below are 3 results with their corresponding paths.



RESULT 1

MINI COURSE PATH

If you want to go home from CPC having a **deep dive learning** experience with a cohort and a certificate of completion in a specific area of competency for children's ministry leadership.

THE MINI COURSE PATH IS FOR YOU

- New to Children's Ministry
- Pastoral Care for Parents and Families
- Seasoned Leaders
- Ministry Administration and Approach



RESULT 2

CATEGORY PATH

If you want to go home from CPC having focused on a **path of learning** in a key category for the majority of your experience yielding a better overall grasp of that category.

[If you familiar with the idea of breakout "tracks", this is very similar to that]

THE CATEGORY PATH IS FOR YOU

- Leadership
- Volunteers
- Discipleship
- Ministry Administration and Approach
- Parents and Family
- Outreach



RESULT 3

CREATE-YOUR-OWN PATH

If you want to go home from CPC having learned a **wide variety of ideas**, tools, and practical steps in distinct areas you identify as needs for your ministry right now regardless of category.

[If you have attended CPC within the past 3 years, this is the selection method you are used to]

THE CREATE-YOUR-OWN PATH IS FOR YOU

- This path will consist of whatever you choose

MINI COURSE PATH



Mini Course

1

NEW TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This course will be led by an a professor who specializes in teaching new children's ministry leaders and children's ministry practitioners and is perfect for leaders with 0-3 years of children's ministry leadership experience. The series of breakouts curated for this course will take place during breakout sessions 1-6 of CPC and because it is designed to be a cohort, you will be with the same people the entire 6 sessions. You must be present for all 6 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Identifying vision, mission, purpose and core values

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Building Healthy Teams Pt. 1

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Building Healthy Teams Pt. 2

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Communicating Biblical Truth

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Foundations of Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Brainstorming Session

Mini Course

2

PASTORAL CARE OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES

This course will be led by licensed therapists and children's ministry practitioners. It is perfect for leaders with any level of of children's ministry leadership experience seeking to take a deep dive into learning more about caring for parents and families. The series of breakouts curated for this course will take place during breakout sessions 1-6 of CPC and because it is designed to be a cohort, you will be with the same people the entire 6 sessions. You must be present for all 6 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Guided Q&A based on Unpacking LGBTQ+ Terms and Language Session

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

How to Support Non-Traditional Family Systems in the Church

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

How to Help Parents Feel Supported as they Navigate Anxiety and Grief

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

How to Start and Sustain Critical Conversations Through Interactive Scenarios

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

How to Explore and Vet Resources for Parents and Families



Mini
Course
3

SEASONED LEADERS

This course will be led by a group of seasoned children's ministry practitioners and is perfect for leaders with 20+ years of children's ministry leadership experience. The series of breakouts curated for this course will take place during breakout sessions 1-4 of CPC and because it is designed to be a cohort, you will be with the same people the entire 4 sessions. You must be present for all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Stewarding
Your Mission
Through
Evaluation

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Stewarding
Your Mission
Through
Innovation

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Stewarding
Your Influence
Through
Mentoring

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Stewarding
Your Legacy
Through
Succession
Planning

Mini
Course
4

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION

This course will be led by an expert in ministry administration, organization, and leadership. It is perfect for leaders with 2-5 years of children's ministry leadership experience, leaders seeking tools for greater organization and management, and/or those serving in the role of administrator/coordinator in their church. The series of breakouts curated for this course will take place during breakout sessions 1-4 of CPC and because it is designed to be a cohort, you will be with the same people the entire 4 sessions. You must be present for all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Foundations for
Effective
Children's
Ministry
Administration

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Transformative
Administrative
Practices

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Transformative
Administrative
Tools and Skills
Part 1

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Transformative
Administrative
Tools and Skills
Part 2

CATEGORY PATH



Category

1

LEADERSHIP

Explore timeless strategies for developing your influence as a children's ministry leader

LEADERSHIP 1: Focus on the personal development and discipleship of the leader

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Tools for Finding Purpose in Leadership Pain

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Punch First: Practical Tools To Engage In Spiritual Warfare

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Finishing Well: Untangling Vocation and Leadership Identity

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

The Long Haul: 5 Strategies to Avoid Burnout

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Unruffled Leadership: Strategies for Responding to Stress

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Spiritual Rhythms and Practices for Ministry Leaders

LEADERSHIP 2: Focus on leadership skills, tools, and techniques

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Working and Winning With the Senior Pastor

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Theology-Informed Children's Ministry

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Basic Skills for Every Teacher

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Training and Techniques To Care For Your Voice

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

How to Stop the Pendulum of Anxiety in Leadership

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Keys to Transformational Self-Leadership

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP BREAKOUTS

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

3 Essentials For Building A Healthy Children's Ministry

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Allowing Scripture To Influence and Transform Your Leadership

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Marriage and Parenting in Ministry

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Navigating Children's Ministry as a Bi-vocational Leader

Finding (or creating) the Community You Need As a Single

Category

2

VOLUNTEERS

Discover essential practices for building a dynamic team of disciple-makers

VOLUNTEERS 1: Focus on Basic skills of volunteer leadership

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Creating a
Vibrant
Volunteer Team

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Designing Your
Volunteer
Recruitment
Plan

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Tough Talks
with Volunteers

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Hiring an
Assistant for
\$25: Utilizing
Technology
in Children's
Ministry

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Guide Volunteers
to Teach the Bible

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Volunteer
Appreciation 101

VOLUNTEERS 2: Focus on Next level volunteer leadership skills and strategy

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Recruiting
Volunteers in a
Post-Pandemic
World

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Confessions
of a Volunteer:
What Your
Team Needs
From You

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Creating a
Dream Team:
Volunteers Who
Lead Like Staff

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Creating and
Sustaining Your
Volunteer
Leadership
Pipeline

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

From a Meeting
to a Party:
Hosting
Volunteer
Training People
Actually WANT
to Attend

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Volunteer
Leadership
Interactive
Think Tank

Category

3

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION AND APPROACH

Strategies and practices for building a healthy and thriving ministry

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION AND APPROACH 1: Focus on Basic skills of volunteer leadership

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Choosing
the Best
Curriculum for
Your Ministry

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Relevant
Policies and
Procedures for
Your Children's
Ministry

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Mastering the
Google Drive
Suite

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Best Practices
for Presenting
Ideas to Your
Senior Pastor

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Budgeting that
Works

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Short Term
Designs on
a Budget

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION AND APPROACH 2:

Focus on children's ministry models and approaches

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

3 Key Elements
for an Effective
Children's
Ministry

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Launching a
Special Needs
Ministry

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Developing a
Digital Ministry
Strategy

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

How To Keep
Small Church
Children's
Ministry
Fresh, Fun,
and Fruitful

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Upstaging
Elementary

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Structuring
Children's
Ministry with
Neuro-Diversity
in Mind

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Intentionally
Together:
intergenerational
ministry and a
communal
approach to
faith formation

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Keys to
Successful
Multi-site
Ministry

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Reinventing
Baby Dedication

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Problem Solving
Your Worship
Challenges

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Holidays and Holy
Days: Hands-On
Celebration Ideas

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Let the Kids
Lead: How to
Create a
Thriving Kids
Worship
Ministry

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION AND APPROACH BREAKOUTS

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Keys to
Building a
Thriving
Children's
Ministry for
the Future

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Empowering
Tweens with
Biblical
Strategies for
Anxiety

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Embracing
Action Based
Hope for the
Future of
Ministry to
Children

Protecting
Children from
Boundary
Violations and
Sexual Abuse

Category

4

DISCIPLESHIP

Discover essential practices for building a dynamic team of disciple-makers

DISCIPLESHIP 1: Focus on discipleship of children through Christian spiritual formation

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Authentic Wholeness: How Authenticity Can Grow Your Leadership

Defining Discipleship: Practical Models For Your Church

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Connecting the Dots: Why Relationships Matter in Children's Ministry

Simple Study: Teaching Kids How to Read the Bible

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Simple Study: Teaching Kids How to Read the Bible

Let's Talk Identity: Naming Tensions in the Conversation

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

What Kids Wish You Knew About Kids

Creating Wonder Filled Imagination With Your Children's Ministry

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Beautiful Biblical Diversity: Affirming Every Child's Place

The Bible Tells Me So: Helping Children Understand A Biblical Definition of Worship

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

3 Trends To Help Disciples Overcome Secular Culture

Effective Discipleship For Kids and Teams

DISCIPLESHIP 2: Focus on discipleship of children through trauma competency

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Managing Behavior & Cultivating Discipleship

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Responding to Challenging Behaviors

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Reaching & Teaching Kids Who Have Experienced Trauma

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

How To Help Hurting Kids

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Helping Kids Cope

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Grief Rituals: Helping Kids Find Peace Through Communal Practices

DISCIPLESHIP 3: Focus on discipleship of children through understanding ages and stages

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Discipleship Strategies Specific to Girls and Boys

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Modeling the Gospel to Our Littlest Ones

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Giving Your Preteens Power: Flipping the Traditional Structure

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

No-Fail Tips for Helping Preschoolers With Separation Anxiety

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Right from the Start: Intentional Nursery Ministry

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Preteen Leadership: Catalysts for Preteen Discipleship

ADDITIONAL DISCIPLESHIP BREAKOUTS

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Five Questions
You Should
Answer to Give
Every Kid Hope

Category

5

PARENTS & FAMILIES

Learn how to partner with and engage the key influencers of kids

PARENTS & FAMILIES 1:

Focus on empowering parents in their role and strategies for ministry to families

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Teaching
Parents to be
Spiritual
Leaders in Their
Homes

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Family
Ministry: A
Holistic
Approach

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Reaching the
Inconsistent
Family

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Best Night Ever:
Create an
Unforgettable
Family Worship
Event

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Guardrails for
Guiding Youth
Through Culture

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Helping
Families
Establish
Rhythms of
Sabbath and
Worship

PARENTS & FAMILIES 2:

Focus on shepherding non-traditional families and families in unique situations

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

5 Ways to Help
Parents Win

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Creating
Connection and
Community for
ALL Families

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Equipping
Parents to
Navigate
Technology and
Their Kids

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Best Practices
to Support
Children and
Families with
Special Needs

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

Wrapping Around
Foster and
Adoptive Families
in Your Church

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Engaging the
Grandparents in
Your Ministry

Category
6

OUTREACH

Advance your understanding and strategic approach to reaching your community.

OUTREACH PATH 1: Focus on outreach ideas and strategies

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Leaving the 99:
Putting the GO
in Gospel

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

5 Questions to
Ask When
Choosing a VBS

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Establishing a
Strong
Partnership
Between
Church and
School

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Reaching the
Families in Your
Community

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

StoryWalk:
Creating an
Unforgettable
Outreach
Experience

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

How Can I
Help?
Supporting
Immigrant and
Refugee
Families

OUTREACH PATH 2: Focus on outreach through the lens of cultural competency

Tuesday
1/10
10:50-11:50am

Engaging
Kids in a
Post-Christain
World

Tuesday
1/10
2-3pm

Refreshing Your
Perspective on
Multicultural
Discipleship

Wednesday
1/11
10:50-11:50 am

Incorporating
the Culture of
Jesus in
Children's
Ministry Part 1

Wednesday
1/11
2-3pm

Incorporating
the Culture of
Jesus in
Children's
Ministry Part 2

Thursday
1/12
10:50-11:50am

5 Ways to Tackle
Tough Cultural
Topics in Small
Groups

Thursday
1/12
2-3pm

Fully Known:
How the Church
Family Can
Defeat
Loneliness

CREATE-YOUR-OWN PATH

This path will consist of whatever breakouts you choose.

YOUR BREAKOUT SELECTION WORKSHEET

Questions to consider when choosing your breakout:

When you consider where you are right now in your leadership, what are the top 3 areas you are feeling least equipped?



What topics do you feel energized to learn more about?



What result listed in this guide (page 2) best fits your desired outcome for your learning experience at CPC23?



Are you feeling like you need to focus more on your leadership skills, leading others, or growing in your leadership of kids and families?



Use these blank schedule grids and the breakout list with descriptions to begin designing your experience.

Filling in all 3 grids with different schedule options may help you visually compare your choices and narrow down your ideal line-up. Enjoy!

Tuesday 1/10 10:50-11:50am	Tuesday 1/10 2-3pm	Wednesday 1/11 10:50-11:50 am	Wednesday 1/11 2-3pm	Thursday 1/12 10:50-11:50am	Thursday 1/12 2-3pm
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WANT TO SELECT YOUR BREAKOUTS ANOTHER WAY?

You can search breakouts by topic of interest by searching tags on our event platform. This search will yield all the breakouts related to that tag.

LIST OF SOME OF THE TAGS WE'RE USING

Personal discipleship
Leadership
Leadership skills
Leadership tools
Leadership techniques
Leadership
Small Church
Multi-site

Recruit volunteers
Train volunteers
Volunteer development
Administration
Administration strategy
Outreach
Outreach strategies
Outreach

Classroom management
Discipleship
Christian spiritual formation
Discipleship
Trauma competency
Non-anxious leadership
Worldview
Cultural competency
Culture

Child development
Early childhood
Elementary
Storytelling
Equipping parents
Parents and family
Parents and families
Foster care
Grandparents