

CPC27 COACH DIRECTORY

We are excited to introduce you to the CPC27 Coaching Team. As a CPC attendee, you have the opportunity to register for one (1) free, thirty minute coaching appointment, with a veteran ministry leader, on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of CPC.

In an effort to help you choose a Coach that might be best suited to help with your current situation, you will see each Coaches name, a short bio + a few key areas of experience that each coach has listed. The document is organized by the topic each Coach listed 1st, although topics will appear next to Coaches names as a 2nd or 3rd area of experience as well.

Please keep in mind that it is not necessary to find a Coach for the exact topic that you want to discuss; these coaches have significant ministry experience which is not limited to the few key areas here.

*An * next to a Coaches name indicates they speak a second language, in addition to English.*

View Coach availability and sign up for appointments HERE.

Name	Coach Bio	Area of Experience 1	Area of Experience 2	Area of Experience 3
Virginia Brennan	Dr. Virginia Brennan is the Kids Director at Pine Terrace Baptist Church in Florida. She has served in kids ministry for over 20 years at churches of 500-1,200. She is familiar with navigating change; serving through three senior pastor transitions, two hurricanes, and several new ministry launches.	Behavior Management: Classroom Management/Discipline	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Curriculum:Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation
Barbara Brown	Barbara Brown has served in 2 large metro churches and currently serves at FBC Richland in MS. She has served in preschool, children, and family ministry for 40 years. She has experience in developing ministries from scratch, designing ministries to meet the needs of families in an ever-changing culture, mentoring individuals pursuing ministry, and working through the mental and spiritual struggles that come with the decision to stay or leave a place of service.	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Discipleship: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren

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Cynthia Young	Cynthia Young is the Kids Ministry Director at Ridgepoint Church in Wichita, Kansas. She has served in kids ministry over 20 years. She has experience with a variety of churches from church plants to churches over 1,000 and experience leading staff teams. Ridgepoint serves over 200 children on weekends.	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Admin: Calendars, Budgets, Policies & Procedures, Organization, Creative Ministry w/Small Budget
Gary Lindsay	GARY LINDSAY currently serves as the Executive Pastor of Next Gen at Northshore Community Church in Kirkland, Washington and has partnered with parents for over 25 years as a Children's Ministry Pastor. Though he's traveled the world training, coaching, equipping, and presenting children's ministry workshops, Gary has never lost his South African accent.	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Outreach: Sports Outreach, Developing a Local Network, VBS & Community Outreach, Get Involved in the Public Schols, Evangelism	Multisite: Multisite Ministry Dynamics, Satellite Campus, Mobile Ministry
Gary Strudler	Gary Strudler has been the Director of Relational Discipleship for Kids Around the World for 14 years. Previously was a Children's Pastor at a large suburban church for 25 years. He has experience with creating more effective, experiential child and family discipleship using orality strategies and dealing with burnout.	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Encouraging and training new leaders
Val Davidson	Dr. Val Davidson is a writer, consultant, and co-host of the KidMin with Dr. Val and Dr. Virginia podcast. She has served vocationally in children's ministry and Christian education for over 25 years.	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Andrea Cheetham	Andrea Cheetham is the Children's Pastor at Sanctuary in suburban Atlanta, where she has served in family ministry for 14 years. Sanctuary has approximately 800+ in their Faith Family. Previously, she spent 16 years in public education as a special needs teacher and administrator.	Coaching, Conflict, Crisis: Coaching, Difficult Conversations, Toxic Teams, Crisis, Burnout/Discouragement, Kids in Crisis	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt

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Cynthia Parkes	Cynthia Parkes is the Children's Minister and KidStreet Help Center Counselor at Post Road Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. She has served in kids' ministry in various size churches, from church plant to megachurch, over the last 24 years.	Coaching, Conflict, Crisis: Coaching, Difficult Conversations, Toxic Teams, Crisis, Burnout/Discouragement, Kids in Crisis	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Tamara Peña	Tamara Peña is a Kids Ministry Director in California with 34 years of experience serving in both small and large churches. She leads a ministry reaching 400+ children each Sunday within a church of 4,000. Her heart is especially drawn to hurting kids, helping every child know they are valued and deeply loved by Jesus.	Coaching, Conflict, Crisis: Coaching, Difficult Conversations, Toxic Teams, Crisis, Burnout/Discouragement, Kids in Crisis	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation
Jayson Etchison	Jayson Etchison has served as NextGen Pastor at Lakeland Community Church for seven years, with 20 years in ministry. Lakeland averages 1,800 attendees, including 300 kids, each weekend. His focus is developing leaders, building ministry systems, and equipping parents to help their children grow in faith.	Creating a Family Ministry Culture	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
Karen McGraw	Since 1999, Karen "Kaz" McGraw has served the kidmin community as a church volunteer as well as a creator of Sunday school and VBS curriculums. She currently works at Tyndale House Publishers as a senior acquisitions editor creating a variety of books for children and the adults who care for them.	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	Worship: Worship Music, Kids Leading Worship, Engaging Kids in Worship	Outreach: Sports Outreach, Developing a Local Network, VBS & Community Outreach, Get Involved in the Public Schols, Evangelism
Lynne Howard	Lynne Howard has been a children's ministry leader for over 15 years in churches of all sizes (from 300 people to 18,000 people) and has been a children's ministry curriculum editor and creator for over a decade. She lives in Alabama with her husband and kids, serves in her church, and works for David C Cook creating children's discipleship resources.	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity

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Michael Summy	I live in Lynchburg, Virginia and I have served as Children's Pastor at Hyland Heights Baptist Church for 28 years. I teach at Liberty University and the local community college. I hold an M.Div., M.A. in Religion, and B.S. in Elementary Education. My wife, Amy, and I have three children, Christian (26), Amber (24), and Brennan(21)	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	Preteens	Security: Predator Profiling, Setting Up Security Teams
Evan Cummins	Evan Cummins serves as Director of Children's Ministry at Keystone Church in Keller, Texas (DFW). At Keystone since 2014, he leads a ministry serving 500 children each Sunday, specializing in engaging Bible teaching, volunteer equipping, and making church fun for kids. He's a husband and dad of three young children.	Curriculum (1. Programming 2. Spiritual Formation of Kids 3. Bible Engagement 4. Curric. Selection & Implementation 5. Working with/Creating Curriculum)	Leadership Teams (1. Team Structure & Cohesion 2. Building Effective Leadership Teams 3. Vision Development and Implementation 4. Encouraging & Training New Leaders 5. Creating Mission/Vision 6. Team Prayer)	Admin (1. Kidmin Policies & Procedures 2. Creating Calendars 3. Organization 4. Creating Budgets 5. Creative Ministry with Small Budgets)
B.A. Snider	B.A. Snider is the director of training for Great Commission Publications. She has served as a children's director in churches for 20+ years. She has been attending CPC since 1994!	Discipleship: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	Specific Groups: Women In Leadership, Special Needs Ministry, Inegrating Adopted, Foster Kids, Preschool, Preteen, Engaging Older Boys, Unique Demographics
Christina Embree	Christina Embree is founder of ReFocus Ministry and author of Intergenerational By Design (David C Cook, 2027). With a doctorate in Spiritual Formation, she is an international speaker, coach, and pastor who equips churches for intergenerational ministry and lifelong discipleship, helping every generation belong, grow, and follow Jesus together.	Discipleship: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Ministry Concerns: Ministry w/Spouse; Personal Support System; Stay or Leave Ministry
Leon Blanchette	Dr. Leon Blanchette is a children's ministry and Christian education professor at Olivet Nazarene University. He has served as a children's pastor for 42 years and enjoys helping equip leaders to serve families and children in local churches.	Discipleship: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt

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Rittney Greer	Rittney Greer is the Family Minister at Town & Country Christian Church in Topeka Kansas. She has served in Children and Family Ministry for 12+ years. We average 200-300 people, 20+ kids on a Sunday, 30+ kids on Wednesdays, a mid-week tutoring ministry, and toddler ministry.	Discipleship: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Caring for kids in crisis, Getting involved in your public schools,
Ryan Gordon	Ryan Gordon is the Children's Pastor at Good Shepherd Church in southwest Charlotte, NC. With over 30 years of experience in children's ministry, he specializes in creating engaging family experiences, building strong volunteer teams, and collaborating on a Family Ministry Team that follows a clear pathway to partner with parents—from healthy marriages to the newborn stage.	Empowering parents and staff to raise up the next generation of disciples.	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Creating volunteer teams that last.
Kevin Allen	Kevin Allen has been in Children's and Family Ministry for over twenty years. With a degree in Christian Theatre, he strives to clearly communicate the message of Christ to this generation and the next, especially by helping equip parents to disciple their children.	Family Ministry	Drama/Creative Arts	Strategies to get Unstuck
Hayley Schuchardt	Hayley Schuchardt has 10+ years of experience in kids and family ministry, serving in churches of various sizes, including large, multi-site churches. She specializes in volunteer management, development, and retention, while also creating engaging ministry environments, developing practical resources, and building collaborative ministry teams that thrive.	Family/ Parent-resourcing parents, equipping parents, & creating a family ministry culture.	Curriculum- working with/ creating, programming & Bible engagement	Admin: Calendars, Budgets, Policies & Procedures, Organization, Creative Ministry w/Small Budget
Amber Pike	Amber Pike is an author and a 20+ year veteran of children's and family ministry in small/medium churches. She writes books, children's ministry curriculum, trains parents and ministry leaders, and currently serves as the Church and Family Ministry Coordinator at RenewaNation.	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	Classroom management/discipline

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Brittany Nelson	Brittany Nelson is a former children's pastor and the creator of DeeperKidMin.com. She has served in the children's ministry world since 2013 and has experience in small-medium churches, church plants, and coaching children's ministry leaders.	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Admin: Calendars, Budgets, Policies & Procedures, Organization, Creative Ministry w/Small Budget	This Generation: Relevant Ministry Styles for Today's Kids, Understanding this Generation, Intergenerational Ministry, Today's Technology
Joy Wendling	Joy Wendling is the Assistant Director of the Center for Faith and Children and a PhD student in Educational Ministry Studies at TEDS. She has been involved in ministry to children, youth, and families for 25 years. Her work is primarily focused on play, children's faith formation, and curriculum.	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Robin Pyles	Dr. Robin Pyles has served in children's, youth and family ministry for 25+ years in small/medium churches and as an educator and parent for many more. Currently, she is applying her passion for intergenerational ministry, worship and community as she mentors other ministry leaders through KidZ at Heart, International.	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation
Brooke Presley	Brooke Presley is the Parent Ministry & Middle School Pastor at Good Shepherd Church in Charlotte, NC. She has served in family ministry for over 25 years across churches of various denominations and sizes. Brooke is passionate about finding creative ways to equip parents as the primary disciple-makers of their children.	Family/Parent - Equipping Parents/Resourcing Parents	Curriculum -Bible Engagement/Working with/Creating Curriculum/Selection and Impletment	Family/Parent - Creating a Family Ministry Culture
Bo Harrington	Bo Harrington is a Campus Operations lead at Southeast Christian Church. He has been in ministry for 29 years serving in family and operations ministries. Southeast is a large multi-site church that serves over 1000 kids per weekend.	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt

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Charity Mongrain	Charity Mongrain is currently the Children and Family Ministries Pastor at Eaglemont Church, which is a medium-sized Church. She has a wide range of ministry experience over the last 30 years. Everything from Church Planting to traveling ministry, Multi-campus churches and missions organizations, in both Canada and the US.	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership
Erik Barrows	Erik W Barrows is Children's Pastor at Northpointe Community Church in DeWitt, MI (medium sized church) leading and teaching 100 + kids every weekend. He has been serving the Lord as a Children's Pastor since 1997 in various churches in TN, FL, SC, and now MI. He has a passion helping others find their gifting and learn to serve the Lord.	Leadership Teams: Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Recruitment	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation
Kyla Miller	Kyla Miller is the Children's Pastor at East Coast Believers Church in Central Florida, leading a ministry of 300+ kids, three services and overseeing a 2nd campus. In 17 years of kid's ministry, she's learned that healthy teams sometimes start with hard pruning, and those early tough calls grew a culture where volunteers take vacation days to staff summer camp. She builds simple admin systems for people who don't naturally think in a straight line, at a steady pace, or one thing at a time. She loves coaching leaders to build teams that live out the culture their ministry needs to thrive.	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Admin: Calendars, Budgets, Policies & Procedures, Organization, Creative Ministry w/Small Budget
Lisa Lovett	Lisa Lovett has served in ministry for 20 years, including 19 years on staff at her church. She loves helping children grow in their walks with Jesus, equipping parents as primary disciple-makers, and encouraging ministry leaders to prioritize their walk with Jesus, family, and ministry.	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt

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Trey Brooks	Trey is Co-Director of Equip to Engage and the Global Child Discipleship Advocate for the Church of the Nazarene. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary, and is ordained in the Church of the Nazarene. Trey is married to Candice, and they have three children.	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
Meri Duarte* (Spanish)	Meri Duarte served as a Kids Pastor for over 10 years in a ministry reaching 800+ children. Her experience includes launching campuses, leading multisite ministries, developing leaders, and building healthy teams. She now serves as a kids ministry consultant, helping churches strengthen their teams, systems, and ministry health.	Leadership Teams — Building healthy team culture, developing leaders, navigating team challenges, and creating effective ministry structures.	Volunteers — Volunteer recruitment, engagement, retention, team culture, and developing volunteers who serve with excellence.	Personal Development — Leadership growth, personal effectiveness, navigating ministry challenges, and growing in confidence and effectiveness as a ministry leader.
VIcki Abbott	Vicki Abbott has served in Children's Ministry for more than 23 years, equipping leaders, investing in families, and helping kids know Jesus. As a Director of Children's Ministry and ministry coach, she loves developing leaders, building healthy teams, and encouraging others to thrive with confidence, resilience, joy, and celebration.	Leading teams: Building teams, Structure & Cohesion, Training, MIssion/Vision	Multi-site and growing churches	Curriculum: Apologetics, Engagement, Selection, Implementation, Writing, Spiritual Formation
Erin McDowell	Erin McDowell leads Southeast Kids at Southeast Christian Church, Shelby Campus in Kentucky. Erin is a wife of more than 20 years, a mom to three and a former teacher who felt called to step into the ministry. She is a people person who builds encouraging relationships first but also has a background in creating curriculum, leading students, focusing on the big picture and leading and discipling teams.	Multisite: Multisite Ministry Dynamics, Satellite Campus, Mobile Ministry	Behavior Management: Classroom Management/Discipline	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation

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Terri Kelly	Terri Kelly serves as Pastor of Kidscoast at Seacoast Church. She has 25 years of ministry experience and leads children's ministry across 15 campuses and an online platform. Terri is passionate about multisite ministry, recruiting and developing volunteers, launching campuses, and helping ministry leaders overcome burnout.	Multisite: Multisite Ministry Dynamics, Satellite Campus, Mobile Ministry	Building Effective Leadership Teams	Burnout/Discouragement
Delia Cornwell	Delia Cornwell is the Central NextGen Pastor and sits on the Central Leadership Team at Radiant Church in Tampa Florida. She has served in NextGen for 15 years and at Radiant for 7 years. Radiant is a fast growing, multisite church with 13 locations.	Multisite: Multisite Ministry Dynamics, Satellite Campus, Mobile Ministry	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
Callie Bogle	Callie Bogle serves as the Baptism and Membership Associate at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Georgia. She previously led the Children's Spiritual Development Program and collaborated with the Children's Ministry to oversee Sunday mornings, camps, and VBS for over 900 children. Drawing from her ministry experience, she is passionate about helping ministry leaders navigate God's calling on their lives. A writer for Lifeway's HyFi curriculum, she is committed to guiding children and adults toward maturity in Christ.	Navigating Transitions	Burnout/Discouragement	Spiritual Formation of Kids
Chrysa Bliati* (Greek)	Chrysa Bliati is the Children's Ministry Director at FCCH in Hamilton, MA, a medium-sized church. She is a graduate of Bethel Seminary and has served in children's ministry for 30 years in the U.S. and overseas. She is passionate about discipling families and equipping the next generation of ministry leaders.	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Coaching, Conflict, Crisis: Coaching, Difficult Conversations, Toxic Teams, Crisis, Burnout/Discouragement, Kids in Crisis

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Ginger Faller	Ginger Faller is Director of Family Ministries at Macland Community Church in Powder Springs, Georgia, with 24 years of children's ministry experience. Having served in churches of various sizes, she is passionate about equipping leaders, fostering collaboration across churches, and helping ministries thrive as they reach the next generation.	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren
Kristi McElheney	Kristi McElheney is the Family Life minister at Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas. She is has served in kids' and family ministry for 23 years. Stonebriar is a large church that ministers to over 350 children every weekend.	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year	Living and Leading from your Strengths	Navigating Transitions
Christen Stewart	I have served as a Kids Ministry Director and Youth Leader for 7.5 years in a mid-size church. I am also a Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor, specializing in child and adolescent counseling. My biggest desire is to know Jesus and make Him known.	New to Leadership	Organization	Community Outreach (Camps)
Jolie Sims	Jolie began full-time children's ministry 12 yrs ago after volunteering. She's a Family Pastor focused on birth-5th at a church of 650+ with 2 contemporary and 1 traditional service. Outside of Sundays she oversees an active midweek program, a large VBS, preteens and a developing milestone ministry.	OTHER: VBS/ VBS Vision/Communication - Planning/Structure - Volunteer/Leadership Recruitment & Training - Engaging the whole church to get behind VBS	VOLUNTEERS/Training, Empowering & Appreciation - Recruitment - Keeping	Children's Ministry A-Z
Aaron Collier	Aaron Collier is the Manager of Host Development for WinShape Camps for Communities that serves with 80 communities all over the US creating camp for over 25,000 campers per summer. He has served in Kids Ministry for 5 years and camp ministry for 15 years.	Outreach: Sports Outreach, Developing a Local Network, VBS & Community Outreach, Get Involved in the Public Schols, Evangelism	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	This Generation: Relevant Ministry Styles for Today's Kids, Understanding this Generation, Intergenerational Ministry, Today's Technology

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Lisa Lovett	Lisa Lovett serves as the KidMin Director at Cartersville First Baptist Church in Georgia. She has faithfully ministered to children and families at CFBC for 19 years, where the church reaches more than 300 kids each weekend. Lisa is part of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Team, traveling across the state to lead Sunday School and VBS trainings. In addition, she directs a growing special needs ministry that serves elementary-age children, helping every child experience the love of Jesus in meaningful ways.	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt
Annette Ford* (Hungarian)	Annette Ford has served in church plants and small to medium-sized international and multi-ethnic churches in North America, Europe, and Asia since she was a teenager over 40 years ago. She trains children's ministry leaders in classroom management, program organization, volunteer mentoring, Bible teaching, and helping kids to pray.	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Behavior Management: Training, Disrespect & Disipline in the Church Setting, Classroom Management, Child Behavior & Development	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
Erica Stricklen	Erica Stricklen is a Children's Pastor at Seymour Heights Christian Church in Seymour, TN. She has served in Children's ministry for 14 years. Every weekend, she oversees 80-90 Volunteers to minister to 150+ kids. She serves alongside her Husband, and two boys.	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt
Heather Thatcher	Heather has worked as a full-time Children's Minister for over 20 years and has spent the last 5 years at First Baptist Church in Las Cruces, NM. She has been married for almost 35 years to David and they have 3 grown children, one adopted child; and 5 grandchildren. Her favorite thing to do outside of ministry work, is to go hiking in the outdoors and she enjoys the beautiful hiking areas with amazing scenery, near Las Cruces!	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Ministry Concerns: Ministry w/Spouse; Personal Support System; Stay or Leave Ministry

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Jenni Sandstedt	Jenni Sandstedt is the Next Gen Pastor at Engedi Church, a growing, multisite church in Holland, Michigan. With over 25 years in kids and family ministry, she brings experience in executive leadership, ministry expansion, and organizational growth. She is passionate about coaching staff, developing healthy teams, and helping ministries grow and thrive.	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Building/Multi-site: Designing Child Friendly Spaces, Sharing Spaces with Other Ministries, Multisite Ministry Dynamics, Ministry at a Satellite Campus, Mobile Ministry
Kim Shaw	Kim Shaw is the Kids Pastor at Sunrise Community Church in California, with over 20 years in Kids Ministry. Passionate about the local church, Kim believes investing in the next generation is vital. She loves mentoring and equipping leaders while helping kids discover Jesus and develop a personal relationship with Him.	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
CarrieAnne Stark	CarrieAnne Stark is the Children's Ministry Director at Faith Community Church, a large church serving 125 children weekly. With 25 years of children's ministry experience, she empowers teams, partners with families, unites generations, and advocates for children's ministry. She helps leaders find their voice, advocate for ministry, and lead with resilience.	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Church Leadership - Pastor Transition	Church Leadership - Working Well with other Ministries
Rebekah Mickle	Rebekah Mickle has served as Preschool and Children's Minister at Cullman First Baptist Church since 2013. Passionate about equipping ministry leaders, encouraging families, and discipling the next generation, she believes children aren't just the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today!	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity	Coaching, Conflict, Crisis: Coaching, Difficult Conversations, Toxic Teams, Crisis, Burnout/Discouragement, Kids in Crisis	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year

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Angie Hooie	Angie Hooie serves as a KidZ at Heart facilitator, coach, and consultant with over 20 years of children's ministry experience, including 13 years as a Global Kids Ministry Pastor. She loves equipping ministry leaders to grow in their gifts, leadership, and calling, helping them lead children and families toward a living relationship with Jesus.	Personal Development - Personal Spiritual Health, Soul Care, Evaluating Your Leadership Skills	Family/Parent - Resourcing/Equipping Parents, creating a family ministry culture	Ministry Concerns - Marriage & Ministry
Kimberly Jackson	Kimberly Jackson has served in children's ministry for 40+ years in various small churches in volunteer and staff positions. She has a master's degree in Children and Family Ministries from Bethel University. She specializes in volunteer retention, building systems that work, and spiritual resilience in ministry.	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating
Yubeka Riddick	Yubeka Riddick is a Children's Pastor, author, and speaker with over 20 years in ministry. She equips leaders, nurtures young faith, and champions healthy ministry culture. With degrees in Conflict Resolution and Family Ministry, she brings deep insight, relational care, and spiritual strength to every space she serves.	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt
Emily Snider	Emily Snider is a Family Pastor at Christ Community Church in Roseville, MI. She has served in children's ministry for 20 years. Emily and her husband have two children, and work to find balance between home and ministry life.	Personal Development and Interactions with Others - Setting boundaries	Ministry Concerns- ministry with your spouse	Personal Development - overcoming negativity
Melanie Kost	Melanie Kost is the Director of Preschool Ministry at Century Baptist Church in Bismarck. With 40+ years experience, preschoolers are "her people". Melanie strives to discover and create opportunities and resources specifically for preschoolers and supporting parents in their role as the primary disciplers. Preschool ministry is foundational in the discipleship process, and is SO much more than childcare.	Preschool ministry	Resourcing & supporting preschool families	Organization--task management, planning events, supply organization, etc.

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Collin Hamm	Collin Hamm serves as the Preteen Pastor at Pathways Church in Sevierville, Tennessee. With eight years of ministry experience, he leads a ministry of approximately 120 preteens. Having served in both large and small churches, Collin is passionate about equipping leaders and helping the next generation build a lasting foundation in Christ.	Preteen Ministry	Outreach: Sports Outreach, Developing a Local Network, VBS & Community Outreach, Get Involved in the Public Schols, Evangelism	Leadership (Built to last)
Devon Lewis	Devon Lewis is the Associate Director of Children and Family Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX. She has served in children and family ministry for 10 years and has a Masters in the Arts of Teaching. She writes curriculum for birth-5th grade as well as plans all children's events including VBS which encompasses 500 campers and volunteers.	Programming	Working with/creating curriculum	VBS
Beth Golik	Beth Golik is the Director of Disability Engagement for Bay Presbyterian Church outside Cleveland, OH and has a passion for helping church leaders create spaces of inclusion and belonging for kids and families impacted by disability.	Special Needs Ministry	Time Management	Classroom Management
Stephen "Doc" Hunsley	Doc Hunsley is the Executive Director/Founder of SOAR Special Needs for 15 years. He is a former Children's Pastor and Disability Pastor and has helped over 800 churches across the US and 26 countries develop disability ministries. Doc is an expert on starting disability ministry, recruiting & training volunteers, and respite. Doc hosts the nation's largest disability day camp in the country.	Special Needs Ministry	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Behavior Management

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Marie Kuck	Marie Kuck is Co-Founder of Nathaniel's Hope, a ministry that celebrates and serves kids and adults with disabilities while equipping the local church. As a mom who experienced the loss of her son, Nathaniel, a former youth pastor, speaker, and advocate, Marie brings nearly four decades of ministry experience and is a passionate voice for families impacted by disability.	Special Needs Minisry	Outreach: Sports Outreach, Developing a Local Network, VBS & Community Outreach, Get Involved in the Public Schols, Evangelism	Ministry Concerns: Ministry w/Spouse; Personal Support System; Stay or Leave Ministry
Tina Jones	Tina Jones is the Children's Ministry Director at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. First Pres is a large church that hosts 300 children each week. Tina has served in ministry as Nursery School Director and as the Children's Ministry Director for a total of 25 years. She also started the Foster and Adoption and the Special Needs Ministries. She also leads VBS.	Specific Groups	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity
Brittany Compton	Brittany Compton is passionate about raising up the next generation in faith. With 20 years of experience leading kids' ministries across multi-site, portable, large, and small church environments, she brings both depth and versatility to family ministry. Brittany especially delights in serving preschoolers at her local church. Currently, she feels honored to create resources and curriculum that empower leaders and parents around the globe.	Specific groups - Preschool	Family/Parent - equipping parents	new to Kidmin- children's ministry from A-Z
Hannah Bush	Hannah Bush is the founder of Preteen Journey LLC, with nearly 15 years of children's ministry leadership experience at two large Houston-area churches, specializing in preteen ministry. Through Preteen Journey, she creates content and provides coaching and consulting to equip church leaders and everyday Preteen Champions for intentional, Christ-centered discipleship.	Specific Groups - Preteen Ministry	Specific Groups - Women in Leadership	Leadership Teams - Vision Development and Implementation

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Frank Tan*	Frank Tan has served in full-time children's ministry for the last 25 years, most recently as Children's Minister at Houston Chinese Church since 2016. He leads a FB group for kidmin serving in Asian Immigrant church contexts. He speaks Mandarin Chinese as well.	Specific groups: Unique church demographics	Curriculum: Spiritual Formation of Kids, Curriculum Selection and implementation, Bible engagement, Working with/creating	Admin: creating calendars, building systems, organization, policies and procedures
Corinne Noble	Corinne Noble is a Kid's Pastor and founder of Kidmin Corinne Ministries. She has served in kids ministry since her calling at 10 years old. She enjoys speaking, coaching, and sharing her creative ideas/resources with other kidmin leaders at kidmincorinne.com	Specific Groups/Preteen Ministry	Curriculum/ Working with/Creating Curriculum	Family/Parent/ Resourcing/Equipping Parents
Janine McNally	Dr. Janine McNally is an author, speaker, and Christian Education professor with over 40 years of experience across youth, women's, children's, and pastoral ministries. Holding degrees from Dallas Seminary (Th.M.) and Grace School of Theology (D.Min.), she equips leaders and families through practical resources and is a Ministry Associate with RenewaNation.	This Generation	Family/Parent: creating a family ministry culture, resourcing parents, equipping parents, communicating to partents, supporting grandparents raising their grandchildren	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Jake Vanier	Jake Vanier is the Children's Pastor at Southwest Bible Church and the Director of Adventure Camp, a day camp program for elementary-age kids. Southwest Bible Church is a large, nondenominational church near Portland, Oregon, ministering to several hundred kids each week.	VBS & Other Community Outreach	Behavior Management	Building Effective Leadership Teams
Katie Hill	Katie Hill is the Director of Children & Family Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Houston, where she has served for 15 years. She leads a team serving children and families in a large urban church and specializes in family ministry strategy, volunteer development, mentoring, and creating welcoming ministry cultures.	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt

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Carrie Wiley	Carrie Wiley is the Children's Minister at Mars Hill Church in Mobile, Alabama, where she has served for 3½ years, leading a ministry of over 130 children weekly. With nearly 20 years of ministry experience, she specializes in relational volunteer recruitment, leadership development, and equipping families with practical discipleship resources.	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Family/Parent (Resourcing & Parents, Creating a Family Ministry Culture)	Church Leadership (Church Hurt, Working Well With Other Ministries, Pastor Transition, Keeping Focused when your church is going through strife, Pastor and Staff Relationships)
Donnie Slade	Donnie Slade is the President/CEO of Kidz Blitz Ministries and has been in Children and Family Ministry for over 30yrs. Kidz Blitz is a ministry that shares the Gospel all over the country and has seen over 150,000 first time decisions for Christ.	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Leadership Teams: Building Teams, Structure, Training New Leaders, Mission/Vision, Team Prayer, Vision Development and Implementation	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Marta Cortez* (Spanish)	Marta Cortez is an experienced leader serving kids and families for 20+ years in multi-site, midsize, and small congregations. She holds a M.A. in Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry from Bethel Seminary and is a certified INCM leadership coach who loves equipping leaders and creating environments to reach the next generation.	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Church and Personal Leadership	New to Kidmin: New to Leadership, Children's Ministry from A-Z, What to Do in Your First Year
Debbie Rhoads	Debbie Rhoads brings over 30 years of children's ministry and leadership experience, serving churches of all sizes, from start-ups to multi-site megachurches. She currently serves as Children's Pastor at Oasis Church in Las Vegas, NV, and as a Curriculum Specialist with GO! Curriculum, equipping leaders and developing effective ministry strategies.	Volunteers: Recruiting Strategies, Keeping volunteers, Small/Large Group Training, Training, Empowering, Appreciating	Coaching Counseling Conflict & Crisis (Burnout/Discouragement)	Personal Development (Setting Boundaries in Ministry)

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Kerri-Ann Hayes	Kerri-Ann Hayes is the Coaching Coordinator for Ministry Architects, bringing over 25 years of experience leading children's ministry in the local church. Today, she coaches ministry leaders across the country, offering a unique perspective on ministry challenges and opportunities. She specializes in volunteer engagement, leadership development, special needs inclusion, and sustainable ministry rhythms.	Volunteers: Engaging, encouraging, equipping	Personal Development: Time Management & Delegation	Behavior Management: Training
Amanda Peck	Amanda Peck is the KIDS Ministry Director at The Grove Community Church in Riverside, CA. She has served with kids and families for over 20 years. The Grove is a large church that ministers to over 500 1st-4th graders over a weekend. Amanda is passionate about equipping and encouraging leaders!	Volunteers: Training, Empowering & Appreciation	Special Needs Ministry - How to partner with the special needs ministry at your church	Women in Leadership
Debby Martin	Debby Martin serves as Children and Preteen Ministry Director at Calvary Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas. With 35 years of experience in children and family ministry, she helps support a medium, multi-site, church that ministers to more than 800 people each week.	Volunteers/Leadership Teams	Discipleship/Outreach: Making disciples, discipleship for all ages, equipping kids for ministry	Personal Development: Leading from Strengths, Spiritual Health, Time Management, Managing Stress, Soul Care, Longevity
Yancy Wideman Richmond	Yancy is a worship leader, Songwriter, Author & Podcast Host. She loves to make Jesus loud through music that helps kids fall in love with Jesus. Because of her love for the Church, she has a passion for PK's and ministry families and longs to help them build a healthier Church.	Worship: Worship Music, Kids Leading Worship, Engaging Kids in Worship	Church Leadership: Staff Relationships, Leading through strife, Working w/ Other Ministries, Transitions, Hurt	Personal Development: Boundaries, Navigating Transitions, Overcoming Negativity, transitioning leadership