



Linking the Pacific Community

The McREL Pacific Center's logo is a voyaging canoe, the vehicle that has linked islands, communities, and people for centuries. Like the canoe, The McREL Pacific Center will link these same communities as we work together to change the odds for all children by providing an education that is second to none.

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The McREL Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

Ho'omoe wai kāhi ke kāo'o

Let all travel like water flowing in one direction

Pūpūkāhi i holomua

Unite to move forward

Just as all paddlers in a canoe must pull their paddles together in order to move forward, educators in the Pacific region and McREL work together to make progress for our students.



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Examples of Pacific Center Services

Professional Development

- Co-development with local agencies of programs that are culturally relevant to island communities
- Teacher workshops in using the *Classroom Instruction That Works* instructional strategies in three ways: with all students, adapted for English-language learners, and integrated with technology
- Workshops and coaching for school leaders in the use of classroom observation tools (e.g., Power Walkthrough® and data to monitor and improve instruction)
- Support and development of instructional leaders through the Balanced Leadership® program for school and district administrators

Consulting and Technical Assistance

- Ongoing, individualized coaching for school teams through Success in Sight®, a systematic and systemic approach to school improvement
- Technology planning and distance learning program implementation for rural and remote areas with limited or no access to technology infrastructure and services
- Co-development of solutions through consultation or “thought partnership,” using McREL’s knowledge and expertise to create fresh approaches to education challenges

Research, Evaluation, and Program Monitoring

- Design and implementation of education research studies that are relevant and responsive to local communities and national contexts
- Program monitoring and evaluation
- Synthesis of existing research

Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) opened The McREL Pacific Center for Changing the Odds in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, in July 2010. The Center reflects McREL’s vision for improving student outcomes as described in its publication *Changing the Odds for Student Success: What Matters Most*. This report notes that it’s not enough to help a few children “beat the odds” stacked against them; our goal should be to marshal the resources of the entire community and address what matters most to *change the odds* for every student.

For more than a decade, McREL has relied on its core strength—learning the needs of local educators and their students and developing research-based solutions to meet those needs—to deliver results for educators in the Pacific region. The opening of The McREL Pacific Center for Changing the Odds affirms our commitment to helping educators in the Pacific provide students with a full array of opportunities that increase the likelihood of their success.

Providing Services Throughout the Pacific

McREL’s 120-plus staff members, including those in the Pacific Center, help educators focus on *what matters most*, implement *what works*, and develop new innovations, or *what’s next*, in the most crucial areas of student learning. The Center’s staff provide services directly to educators in the region and link McREL’s resources with existing available services in the Pacific educational community in these high-leverage, high-payoff areas:

- Guarantee challenging, engaging, and intentional instruction
- Ensure curricular pathways to success
- Provide whole-child student supports
- Create high-performance school cultures
- Develop data-driven, “high-reliability” systems

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