

**Structuring Out-of-School Time to Improve Academic Achievement**  
**Bridging Research, Policy, and Practice**  
 September 22, 2010 • Thornton, CO (The Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools)

**Agenda**

8:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast	
8:30 a.m.	Welcome, introductions and meeting overview	Dwight Jones, commissioner, Colorado Department of Education  Lou Cicchinelli, director, REL Central at McREL
9:00 a.m.	Introduction to Practice Guides: Nature of the Research	Jean Williams, vice president, research and evaluation, McREL
9:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Guide Recommendation 1. Align the OST program academically with the school day Recommendation 2. Maximize student participation and attendance	Danette Parsley, senior director, McREL and member of OST Practice Guide panel
9:45 a.m.	Discussion and application of the recommendations	Discussion leaders
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Recommendation 3. Adapt instruction to individual and small group needs Recommendation 4. Provide engaging learning experiences Recommendation 5. Assess program performance and use the results to improve the quality of the program	Danette Parsley
11:55 a.m.	Panel discussion: Practitioners will discuss implementation challenges and solutions to improving student achievement through OST	Danette Parsley, moderator
12:20 p.m.	Wrap up of Practice Guide recommendations	Lou Cicchinelli
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn	