Interpersonal Practice in Melbourne, Australia

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Agency: Inner South Community Health Service
- Delivers primary health care services across four sites.
- Pioneering health services and delivery models
- Health across the life span with a strong focus on prevention, early intervention and addressing social and health inequity
- Systems advocacy (social research, policy analysis/debate, etc)

Location: Melbourne, Australia
- Capital of the State of Victoria
- World's 7th most expensive city
- 2011 World's Most Livable City
- Cultural capital of Australia

Career Connections:
I am seriously considering moving back to Australia for a few years

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Skills Utilized/Developed:
- DIVERSITY!
- Values and Ethics
- Professional identity

Projects & Outcomes:
- African mom's playgroup
  - Adapted a supportive playgroup model and ran the program with young African refugee moms and their children
  - Ran a 5-week pilot program and conducted evaluation

SW 633 - Children and Youth Services and Social Policy
- Developed an understanding of how policies and service construction affect service delivery, which is true and important in any country

SW 625 - IP with Children and Youth
- Developed a good background for working with children and adolescents, especially in terms of the diversity experienced in practice

Lessons Learned/Advice:
- Leave your expectations at the door
- Never has it been more important to be humble and willing to know what you do not know
- Listen, listen, listen: others are the experts here
- Be CURIOUS!

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