

**Summary of Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007**

**Victoria**

**The University of Melbourne**

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**Approved Project Title** **Preventative health interventions for Indigenous children less than six years of age.**

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**2008 :** \$82,620

**Primary RFCD** 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

**Administering Organisation** The University of Melbourne

**Project Summary**

It is well established that poor early childhood health has affects into adult life, for example, the relationship between child growth and development and likelihood of developing adult chronic disease. Some information is available about Victorian Indigenous children's health status; however little is known about effectiveness of preventative health interventions. This research proposes to work with Aboriginal community controlled services to develop preventative interventions and measure consequent changes to child health outcomes. This will be achieved through building an initial evidence base from available data and service audits. This information will be used to develop interventions and identify measurable variables.