What Have We Achieved

- **Children: Unintended Victims of the Legal Process**: Discussion paper. Link to a separate VACRO website including all research, consultation and conference information. (2006-2007)
- **The Court Based Family Support Project**: VACRO received a grant from the Legal Services Board of Victoria to scope the development of a court based information, support and referral program for the families of defendants. This document is the outcome of that grant (2009)
- **Next Generation on the Outside**: Better outcomes for vulnerable families in contact with Australian criminal justice systems (2011)
- **Law Week Panels**:
  - 2008 ‘The Legal System & Me’ at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre
    The panel explored a series of issues as they arise in context for non-legal people who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System; acknowledged the recent initiatives that have been implemented and asked if there are other solutions that could address these issues.
    
    **Chair**: Charlotte Stockwell: CEO, Magistrates’ Court
    
    **Panel**:
    - Michael Dunlea: Link Out Case Manager, VACRO
    - Marita Delany: Client Services Manager, NJC
    - Ex-offender: VACRO client – female non violent offences
    - Family member: VACRO client - mother
    - Victim: VSA client
  - 2009 ‘Out Of Prison, Out of Work’ at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre
    The panel looked at how criminal record checking is conducted in Victoria, how this is affecting employment opportunities for those exiting prison as well as a discussion on current research.
    
    **Chair**: The Hon. Mr Justice David Harper
    
    **Panel**:
    - Dr Helen Szoke: CEO of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission,
    - Dr Bronwyn Naylor: Law Faculty at Monash University,
    - Ms Meghan Fitzgerald: Solicitor Fitzroy Legal Service,
    - Ms Donna Faulkner: Executive Director of Work Solutions Gippsland
    - Community member: Previous contact with the criminal justice system
o 2010 *Understanding Justice and Community for Women in Transition* at the Queen Victoria Women’s Centre.

The panel discussed the particular issues that women face on transition into the community after incarceration, drawing attention to the link between community support and reintegration.

**Chair:**

**Panel:**

Ms Giang Thi Tuyet Luong & Ms Barbara Almalberti  
Dr Mary-Ann Robinson—VACRO  
Associate Professor Rosemary Sheehan—Monash University  
Ms Kerry Tucker—Swinbourne University Lecturer

o 2011 *Pasifika Community & the Law* at Berwick Justice Centre in partnership with Te Waka One Ocean & the Department of Justice Southern

The panel provided information on the current issues facing the Pasifika community and their involvement with police, courts and the community correctional system.

**Chair:** Melanie Field-Pimm: Senior Projects & Development Officer, VACRO

**Panel:**

Amanda Bennett  
Consumer Affairs Victoria,  
Loy Kop  
Sheriff’s Department,  
John Insana  
Community Correctional Service,  
Joey Herrech  
Victoria Police,  
Temese Leilua & Di Tauteka  
Te Waka One Ocean