

A Home of My Own

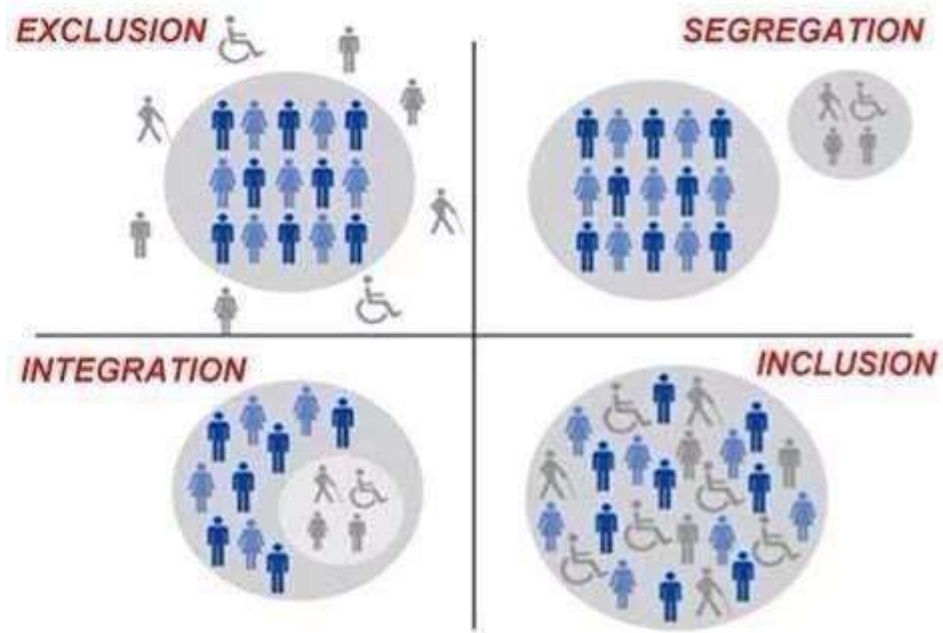
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Who we are..

- NP formed by the Woodlands Parents Group in 1977
- Support individuals with developmental disabilities from a few hours a week to 24 hours a day
- 500 employees providing support to 350 individuals in 11 municipalities in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley

What guides our approaches...

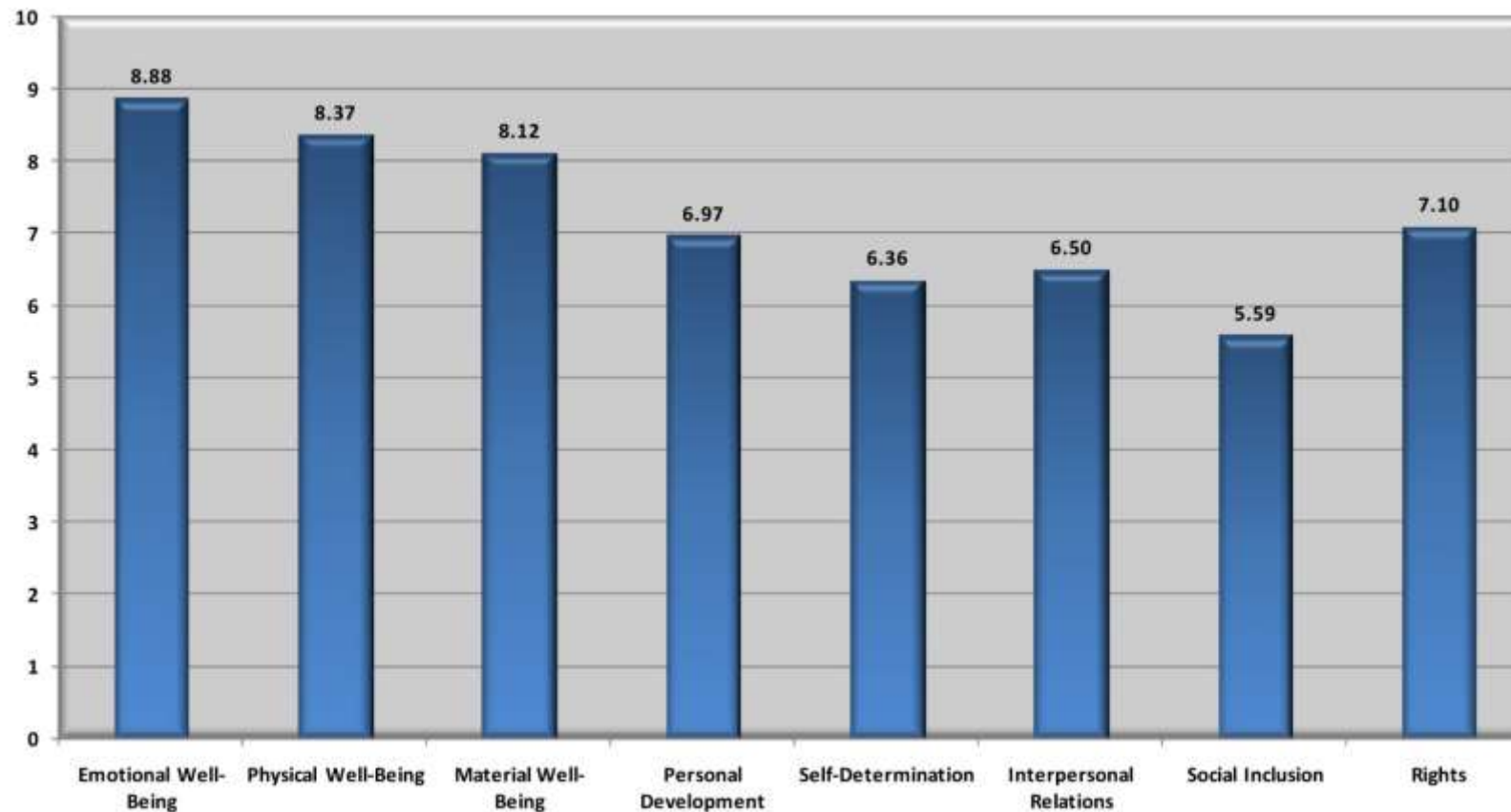
- Institutional history of exclusion
- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Best practices from other jurisdictions
- What we hear people want
- “Supporting people to live as full citizens”
- Commitment to quality of life



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Design and approach affects quality of life

Figure 1. Average CLS scores across My Life: Personal Outcomes Index™ quality of life domains



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From institutions to homes...



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What we have learned operationally

- Be involved from the very beginning
- Being in the building ≠ inclusion
- Clustering is problematic
- Good design and technology can increase independence and decrease support costs
- Support approach is a crucial determinant
- Plan for aging with dignity

What we have learned financially

- Significant subsidies are required to meet PWD shelter rates
- NP ownership works
- Contract language matters
- Some developers view NPO as unsophisticated

Going forward

- Inclusion is what people want and expect
- Done right we strengthen communities for all by emphasizing citizenship and belonging
- Real opportunities for NP/Municipal/Private Sector partnerships