

“What you are doing to meet these challenges and to take advantage of the opportunities”

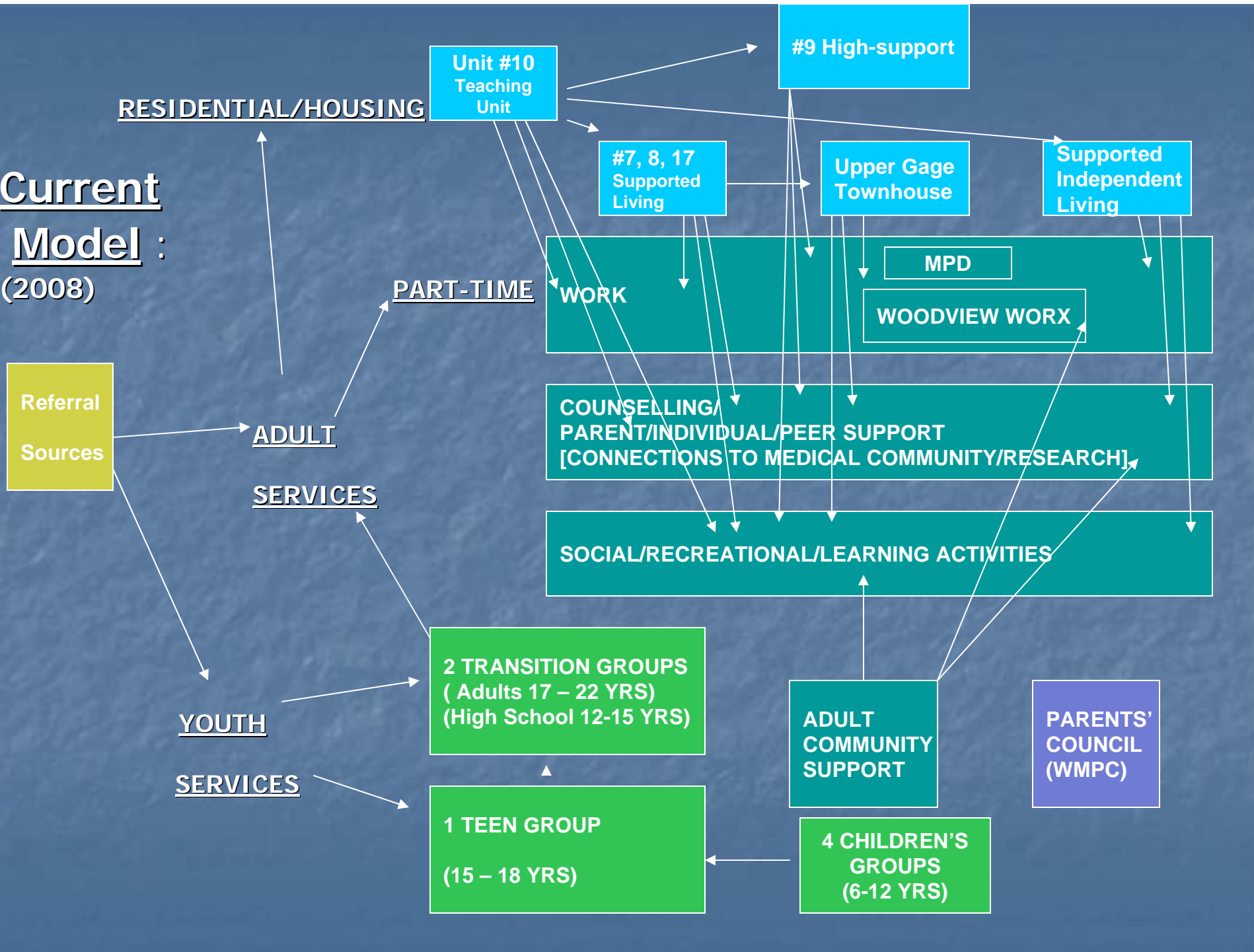


Original Model: (1991)

DECREASING LEVELS OF SUPPORT



Current Model : (2008)



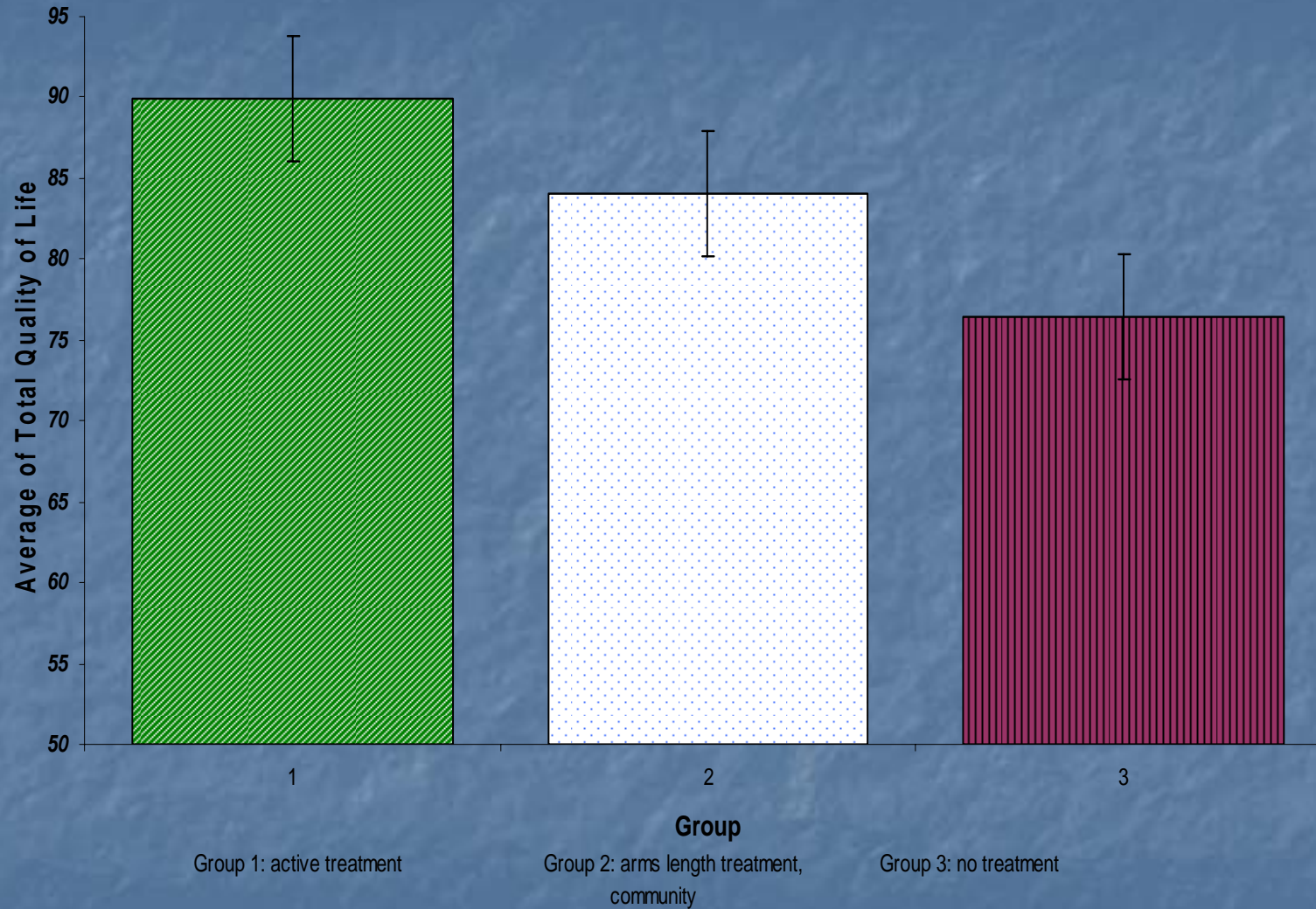
QOL Study - 2007

- N = 19
- #1 "Active treatment group"
 - > 5 hrs/week
 - N = 10
- #2 "Arms length treatment group"
 - 1-5 hrs/week
 - N = 5
- #3 "No treatment group"
 - No external support
 - N = 4

QOL Study - 2007

- Measures:
 - QOL Questionnaire (Schalock & Keith, 1993)
 - Ontario Health Survey for elements of physical health/well-being, income, etc.
 - Symptom Checklist-90-Revised for mental health elements
 - Focus groups with parents and family members to identify current and future concerns

Figure 1: A comparison of overall quality of life between groups



QOL Study - Findings

- Total QOL score was significantly positively correlated with the amount of support received
- Grps 1 & 2 in rental accomodation; grp 3 in parents' home
- Personal finances: significant positive correlation between income and QOL measures

QOL Study - Findings

■ Physical health:

- Very low # of long-term, chronic physical health problems
- 1 smoker
- 1 had used illegal drugs in past
- Very low consumption of alcohol
- Overweight on average but not above national average

■ Physical activity:

- Significant difference in levels of recreational physical activity: $1 > 2 > 3$

QOL Study - Findings

- Mental Health:
 - 78.9% taking psychotropic medications (no group difference)
 - Significant difference in # of depressive symptoms: $1 < 2 < 3$
 - Significant inverse correlation between QOL score and scores on depression scale

QOL Study - Findings

- Parent Focus Groups – common themes:
 - Needed to educate other parents, teachers and community members when growing up.
 - Parents and sons reaped the most benefit from programs that happened away from the parents. In particular, social programs that took place in groups with other teens/adults with ASD doing “normal”, age-appropriate activities.

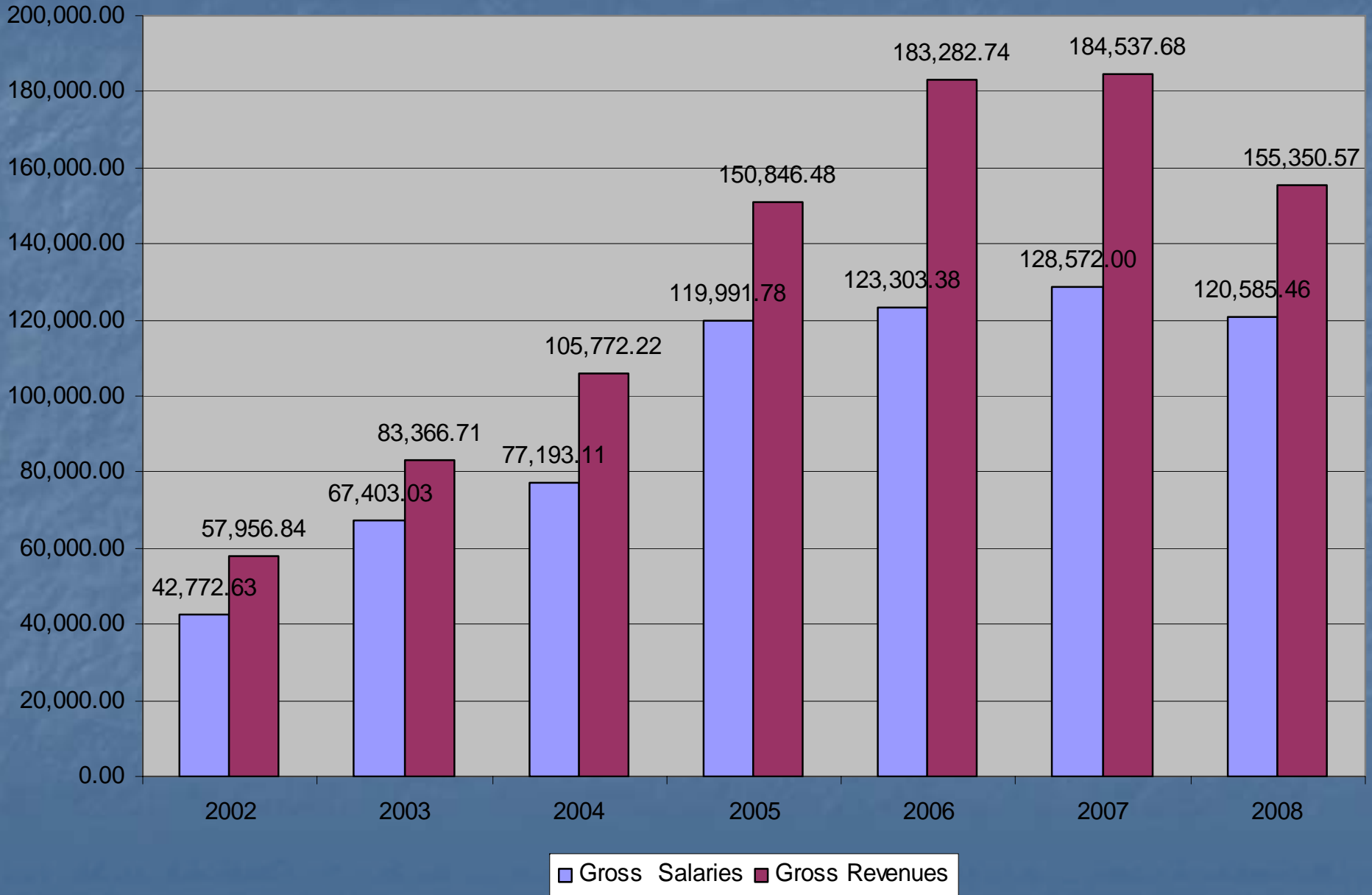
QOL Study - Findings

- Parent Focus Groups – common themes:
 - Current system is lacking support once high school is finished.
 - The transition from high school needs to flow into a program to assist with life skills and job training/finding with a view to independent living.
 - Parents noted that they are not capable of doing all the work that is required to make their sons as independent as possible.

MPD Inc. (Manor Personnel Deployment):

- A “social enterprise” or “consumer-driven business”
- Collation, lawns, cleaning, data entry, laundry
- Founded in 1994
- Pilot funding in 2002
- Formation of Woodview Worx in 2005
- Demise of Woodview Worx in 2008

MPD Inc. Salaries and Gross Revenues 2002-2008



Graph #5 Variability in Long-term "High-functioning" ASD Workers

