Case Management

Family Scenario

This family consists of a twenty one year old single dad, George and his young son Neil. They came to the attention of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) when Neil’s mother was not longer able to care for him so they looked at the dad as a possible placement. In order for George to have custody of Neil they needed an appropriate place to live and were referred to The United Arc Supportive Living Program. George and Neil moved into the program and began working with the Positive Parenting staff. George had good parenting instincts but little practical experience in dealing with a 2 year old on a daily basis. George and Neil appeared to be bonded with each other. George tends to treat Neil as a little adult at times instead of a toddler. He struggled with household management and paying utilities and rent. His only source of income was TANIF and SNAP benefits. George has a very scattered manner and seems to struggle to focus on one task at a time. He is not always able to remember when his appointments or Neil appointments are. George can mix up times when he does remember and arrive too early or too late. He has been known to make comments about how difficult it is to be a single dad and how isolating it feels.

* What are the strengths of this family?
* What are the areas of concern for this family?
* As a case manager what are some goals to work on with this family?
* What are the action steps needed to accomplish these goals?
* What is the expected outcome over time for this family?