[**About Katrina's Open Arms**](https://trinaowens2.wixsite.com/katrinasopenarms)

**Hi Parents!**

**I am Katrina Owens-Pollard, a 34-year-old mother of one, although many children think of me as "mom.”**

**My passion is caring for children, I found out at an early age. When I was younger, I would always want to hold babies, help them and as I got older it grew into watching children. Helping them to find what makes them curious, and at other times, it was to help keep them calm and quiet.**

**Since I was a little girl, I have always wanted to work in and run my own childcare center. For as long as I can remember, I have always ran to children to play with them or get them to stop crying. I got my very first chance to babysit at the age of 12 when I became an Aunt. I loved every moment of being able to help feed and care for a helpless individual when they couldn't do it for themselves.**

**I told my mother that I wanted to watch kids when I grew up and finished school. After high school I did just that! I went to college to study Child Care Development and Technology, and after graduation, I started working at a childcare facility. I loved doing that, but I felt as a teacher, I wanted to be more hands-on in a one-on-one environment.**

**At 21, I moved to Georgia and started working as a nanny for the family of a local attorney, and it blossomed from there! I started receiving calls from other parents about watching their children. It was at that moment that I thought, "I can have my own business doing this and be great at it!"**

**I became a mother in 2010, and it changed my life. I wanted to open a childcare center or a home for babies, troubled youth, at-risk children and for anybody seeking help or who needed help with homework, etc. I know firsthand what it's like for a parent to need a break or need to go on a date with their spouse and not have proper childcare.**

**Katrina's Open Arms is now available to assist you with your childcare needs.**

**Please let me know if you have any questions prior to traveling to Oxford, MS for the Making and Unmaking Mass Incarceration Conference. I can be reached by email at** [**katrinasopenarms@gmail.com**](mailto:katrinasopenarms@gmail.com)**.**

**Thank you,**

**Katrina**