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Julia Champion teaches Peer Helpers and English at Foley High School in Foley, Alabama. She graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Secondary Education and began teaching English. After beginning the Peer Program at Foley High School, she was inspired to earn her master's degree in School Counseling from the University of South Alabama. She was Foley High School's 2001 Teacher of the Year, and served as English Department Chairperson for eight years. She spent three years as a Ruby Payne Trainer of Trainers, educating Baldwin County faculty about the importance of understanding economic diversity.

She has been training peer helpers since the program's inception at Foley High School in 1999. In 2004, she began training trainers in order to expand peer programs in various middle and high schools across Alabama. The FOCUS program, a division of Alabama Public Dept. of Public Health, has been an additional avenue for her connection with facilitators statewide, explaining the ethical standards and guidelines for beginning and enhancing peer programs. She has trained hundreds of facilitators and students in various school systems. Through the National Association of Peer Program Professionals, she is a Certified Peer Program Educator (since 2005) and Certified Trainer/Consultant (since 2010). Since 2005 her program at FHS has been a Certified Peer Program and was the first CPP in Baldwin County. In 2011, she was named the NAPPP Young Peer Program Educator of the Year.