The Peer Helpers Program is a youth peer-to-peer support system. Peer Helpers are trained to assist their peers with daily issues such as bullying, alcohol, drugs, sexual pressures, and family dynamics. The Peer Helpers Program builds resiliency and coping skills in all students. Addressing these risk factors and developing life skills are both key components to reducing youth suicide. The Foundation partners with PreK-12 public and private schools and trains, funds, and supports Peer Helpers in Baldwin County, AL.

**PEER HELPERS PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**MISSION**

To empower students to be academically, socially, and emotionally successful; to recognize and resolve conflict; to value diversity; and to be advocates for positive change and healthy choices.

**IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS**

- Programs need a minimum of 2 Program Coordinators
- Coordinators must be trained
- Peer Helpers must apply to ensure equal opportunity and a diverse group
- Peer Helpers must be trained in the Core Skills

**GOALS**

- Equip students to better handle communication with all people
- Identify signs of at-risk behavior
- Educate students on Prevention Mandated Topics
- Empower students to be advocates for safe and positive behavior
- Increase coping skills in students

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation’s mission is to provide youth with the knowledge, resources and confidence to successfully navigate the pressures of day-to-day life issues and excel into adulthood.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PEER HELPER PORTAL

All Peer Helpers Programs in Baldwin County have access to the Peer Helper Portal; a customized online program which provides current curriculum, resources and tools for PreK-12 schools. It took the JCMF 3 years to develop this support software which allows administration to access the issues youth are facing through real time reporting. Summer of 2019 the Portal will have a complete update including adding a mobile device app.

ANNUAL NATIONAL PEER PROGRAM CONFERENCE

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation presented the 9th Annual National Peer Program Conference locally and at no charge to over 100 Baldwin County Program Coordinators. This 2 day event provides professional development on youth social, emotional and behavioral issues.

PEER HELPER JUBILEE

The Foundation presented the 5th Annual Peer Helper Jubilee which has grown to a 2 day event based on the growth of the number of Peer Helper students. Jubilee provides 1,400+ Peer Helpers and Coordinators in Baldwin County to hear from speakers on leadership, at-risk behaviors & empowerment.

There is no greater inspiration than empowering children to help other children.

NOVEMBER 2018 PEER HELPERS JUBILEE
Peer Helpers are a diverse group of students on each campus trained to communicate, support and help their peers.

Peer Helpers meet regularly with tutees and mentees to discuss the issues they are facing and support with academic struggles.

**Program Reach**

1,329

**Peer Helpers**

2nd - 12th Graders

Peer Helpers see the need and reach out when needed without being assigned.

3,228

Reaches

**One-on-ones**

Peer Helpers lead positive behavior and at-risk prevention campaigns and activities.

531

Events

**Group Support & Prevention**

518

Mentoring & Tutoring Peers

Peer Helpers meet regularly with tutees and mentees to discuss the issues they are facing and support with academic struggles.
PEER HELPERS IMPACT

70% OF TRENDING ISSUES

- Academics: 70%
- Friends, Relationships: 10%
- Parents, Family, Divorce: 5%
- Self Harm or Suicide: 0%
- New to School: 5%
- Stress, Anxiety, Depression: 5%
- Self Esteem or Identity: 10%
- Basic Resources: 5%

SUPPORT & INTERVENTION REFERRALS

117 PEER REFERRALS

Students who express harm to oneself, to others or are in harm, are referred to a Coordinator or Counselor.