

# JOIN THE SANTA RITA JAIL HOTLINE



The NLG-SFBA offers a free, confidential hotline for prisoners in Santa Rita Jail and their families to report concerns about jail conditions and obtain information about their rights.

## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

- Take calls from Santa Rita Jail weekly for a 2-4 hour shift
- Attend monthly Hotline Worker meetings
- Attend optional monthly Hotline Worker support groups
- Collect testimonies from callers who want information shared
- Draft correspondence with prisoners and advocacy letters to public officials and agencies
- Participate in efforts to end incarceration and promote alternatives.

### Fill Out Our Volunteer Form:

[https://nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/SRJ\\_Hotline\\_Volunteer\\_Form](https://nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/SRJ_Hotline_Volunteer_Form)

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

Staffed by community members, legal workers, and attorney volunteers who answer calls, advocate for prisoners, and participate in efforts for prisoners' rights and alternatives to incarceration.

**PEOPLE IN SANTA RITA NEED OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.  
BECOME A HOTLINE WORKER**

## HISTORY

The Santa Rita Jail Hotline emerged out of inside/outside organizing responses to the Oct. 2019 strike inside Santa Rita Jail when 500 prisoners refused meals and work assignments to protest the inedible food, unsanitary and abusive conditions, and a grievance system rigged in the jail's favor. The strike lifted up the existing public health crisis inside Santa Rita and foreshadowed how ill prepared the jail was to handle the coronavirus pandemic.

Since 2020, Hotline Workers have logged nearly 1,000 calls and written hundreds of letters to prisoners. COVID-19 remains a serious issue for incarcerated people, and the jail's population has expanded to nearly pre-pandemic levels. Abuse continues to flourish and the Hotline remains a critical conduit to amplify prisoner voices.