

Child Protective Investigative Teams (CPIT) 2022 Report

22,371

**Referrals reviewed
by CPIT teams**

Impact Report

Tennessee's 32 CPIT teams experienced a 40% statewide increase in referrals compared to 2021.

This surge can likely be attributed to the increased contact between children and problematic caregivers due to time at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Adults outside of the home – teachers, counselors, friends – are often reporters of child abuse. We suspect that less time in public led to fewer interactions between children and these trusted adults, and subsequently less reports.

Purpose

Child Protective Investigative Teams (CPIT) are multidisciplinary teams that investigate reports of child sex abuse. Representatives for each team are from the local District Attorney General's office, Department of Child Services, Juvenile Court, and law enforcement. The teams may also be comprised of a mental health professional and a member of an anti-human trafficking non-profit organization.

