

Vulnerable Adult Protective Investigation Teams (VAPIT) 2022 Report



11,837

Reports of suspected abuse
reviewed in 2022

297

Meetings held statewide in 2022

Recap of 2022

Tennessee's 32 VAPIT teams saw a 20% increase statewide in the number of reports of suspected abuse compared to 2021. We suspect this increase is likely connected to what many feared during the pandemic - victims were isolated, often with their abusers, and unable to access the help they needed to report and escape the abuse.

On a more positive note, several districts reported that more abusers are being held accountable as VAPIT teams continue to improve their cross-agency collaboration and quality of investigations.

Purpose of VAPITs

VAPITs are multi-disciplinary teams appointed by the local District Attorney General comprised of representatives from law enforcement and Adult Protective Service (APS). The teams are tasked with investigating suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

