

# The Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)

National Disqualified List (NDL)

User Manual for State Agencies

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### 1 Introduction

Section 243(c) of Public Law 106-224, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, amended § 17(d)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766 (d)(5)(E)(i) and (ii)) by requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to maintain a list of institutions, day care home providers, and individuals that have been terminated or otherwise disqualified from Program participation. The law also required USDA to make the list available to State agencies and sponsoring organizations for their use in reviewing applications to participate. This is to ensure that any institutions that have been disqualified from the Program do not participate in the CACFP and any persons who have been disqualified from the Program are not a responsible principal for any institution participating in the CACFP. This statutory mandate was incorporated into § 226.6(b)(1)(xii), § 226.6(b)(2)(ii), § 226.6(c)(7) of the Program regulations. The resulting National Disqualified List (NDL) became effective in 2002.

The purpose of maintaining a National Disqualified List (NDL) and making it available to State agencies and sponsoring organizations is to provide these entities with a tool for promoting Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) integrity by preventing several situations from occurring. First, it prevents institutions whose Program agreements were terminated for cause in one State from simply moving to another State and reapplying for Program participation. Second, it prevents individuals responsible for serious mismanagement from continuing to be involved in Program administration by forming a new corporate entity and entering the Program

under a different organizational name. Third, it prevents individuals associated with a disqualified institution from re-entering the Program as a day care home provider, as a principal with another institution, or as a principal in a sponsored center. Finally, it prevents day care home providers terminated for cause by one sponsoring organization from re-entering the Program under the auspices of a different sponsoring organization.

The NDL is a web-based system designed for use by various user types to add, update, search and view the data of disqualified individuals and institutions. Specifically, State agencies will enter disqualified institutions and individuals as well as be able to conduct searches.

# 2 NDL System Access

The NDL system integrates with the USDA's e-Authentication system. Sponsoring organization users need e-Authentication level one clearance to access the NDL system to view the list of institutions and individuals that are currently disqualified. Users can obtain an e-Authentication credential at <a href="https://www.eauth.usda.gov/mainpages/eauthWhatIsAccount.aspx">https://www.eauth.usda.gov/mainpages/eauthWhatIsAccount.aspx</a>.

State agency and FNS users need e-Authentication level two clearance to add institutions and individuals to the list. If the State Agency has questions regarding obtaining e-Authentication level two clearance, they should contact their Regional FNS office.

### 2.1 User Login (Figure 1)

The following website contains the login screen to the NDL system: <a href="https://snp.fns.usda.gov/ndlweb/Welcome.action">https://snp.fns.usda.gov/ndlweb/Welcome.action</a>. Users must enter their username and password to access the NDL system.

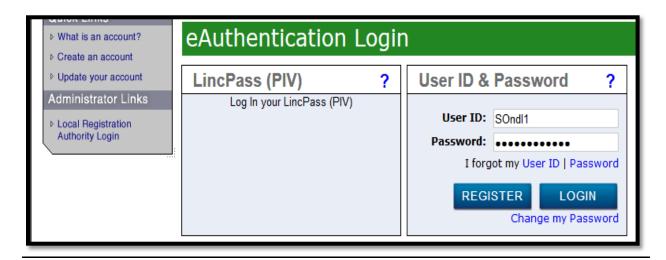


Figure 1: e-Authentication Login Screen

# 3 Welcome Page (Figure 2)

Successful login brings the user to the Welcome Page. The Welcome Page displays the regulatory language that gives USDA the authority and responsibility for maintaining the NDL. From this page, use the navigation bar to access the individual and institution disqualified lists, conduct a search of institutions or individuals, and/or conduct a bulk search of institutions or individuals.

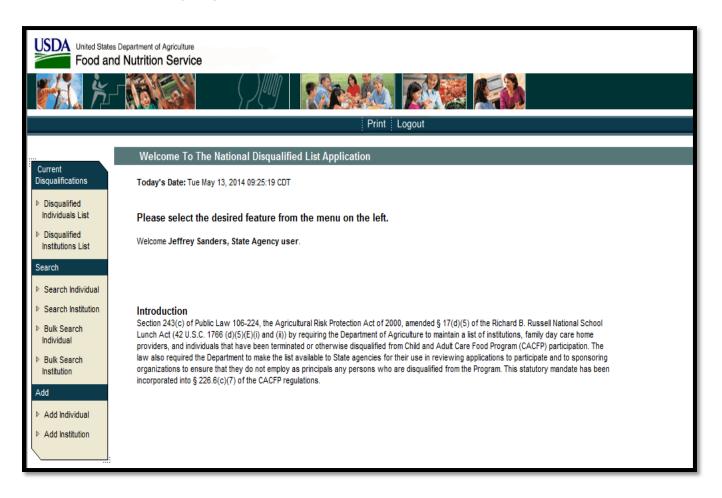


Figure 2: Welcome Page

The side navigation bar displays the options available:

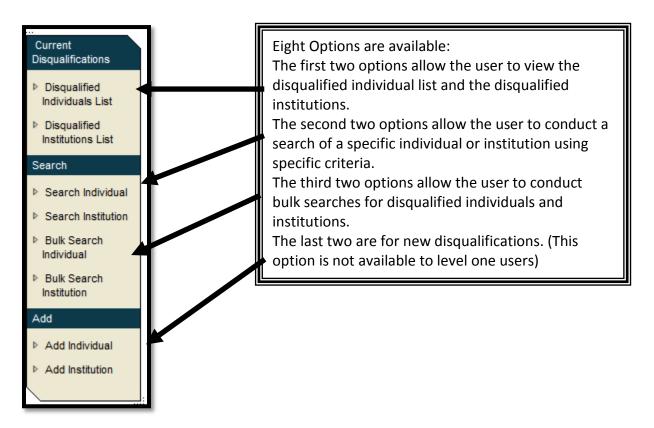


Figure 2: Welcome Page (continued)

# 4 Accessing the Disqualified Lists

To access the disqualified lists, the user clicks on "Disqualified Individuals List" or "Disqualified Institutions List" from the navigation bar.

### 4.1 Disqualified Individuals List (Figure 3)

The Disqualified Individuals List is a comprehensive list of all the Responsible Principals and Individuals (RPI) currently disqualified from participation in the CAFCP. The list displays in alphabetical order by last name and shows the first and last name, date of birth, address, termination date of the individual, a "yes or no" indicator under debt owed and other legal names, if any. Click on the "First Name", "Termination Date" or "Debt Owed" to change the order in which the list is displayed. The user can maneuver the list by selecting the numbers at the top or bottom of the page or by selecting the next or last page.



Figure 3: Disqualified Individuals List

### 4.2 Disqualified Institutions List (Figure 4)

The Disqualified Institutions List is a comprehensive list of all the institutions disqualified from participation in the CACFP. The list displays in alphabetical order the institution's name, address, termination date of the institution, a "yes or no" indicator under debt owed and other institution names, if any. Click on "Termination Date" or "Debt Owed" to change the order in which the list is displayed. The User can maneuver the list by selecting numbers at the top or bottom of the page or by selecting the next or last page.



**Figure 4: Disqualified Institutions List** 

### 4.3 Export Results

The NDL or the results of a search may be exported to an Excel spreadsheet by clicking the "Export Report" in the right hand corner of the screen.

# **5** Search Function (Individuals)

### 5.1 Search for an Individual (Figure 5)

To perform a search of an individual:

- 1. Click on Search Individual in the left hand menu;
- 2. Enter the search criteria via text entry, checkbox and drop down selections;
- 3. Click on the Submit button.

Figure 5: Search Individual

# 5.1.1 No Match Result (Figure 6)

The NDL system alerts the user when a search produces a "No Match". Users can return to the search function by selecting "Return to Criteria" or return to the welcome page by selecting "Home".

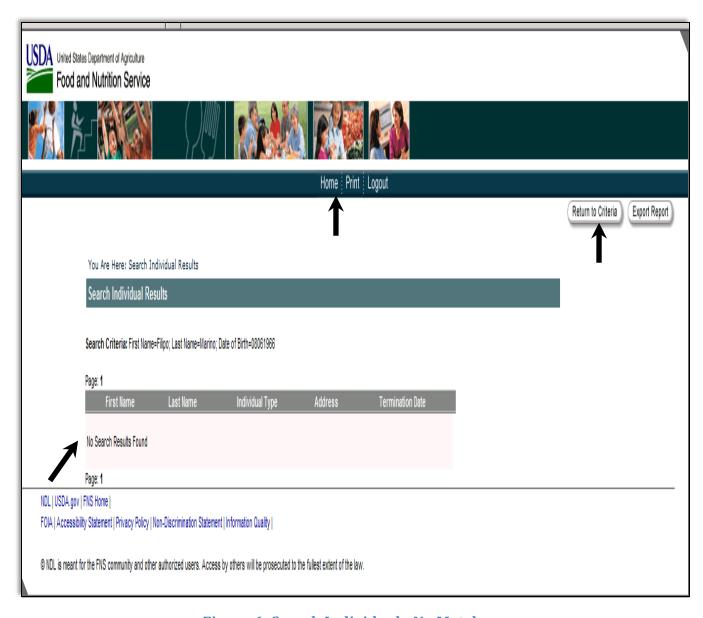


Figure 6: Search Individual - No Match

# **5.1.2** Match Results (Figure 7)

A search resulting in a match displays the following screen:

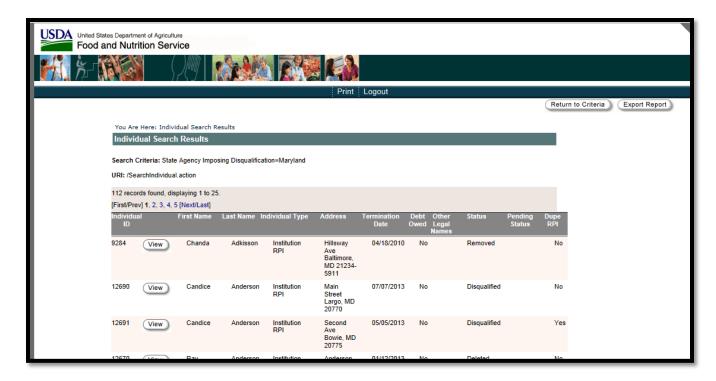


Figure 7: Search Individual - Match Found

### 5.1.3 View Individual (Figure 8)

The "View Individual" screen provides additional information associated with the disqualified individual.

### **View Individual:**

This section displays the full name of the disqualified individual and their status (i.e., Disqualified, Removed or Pending). The status "Removed" means the individual is no longer on the list, however if someone is reapplying who has been removed from the NDL, the SA should be sure the disqualified individual is monitored so that previous disqualifications do not recur. The status "Pending" means the State agency submitted the individual for disqualification but the FNS Regional Office has not yet approved the disqualification. The status changes to "Disqualified" after FNS Regional Office approves the disqualification of the individual.

### Other Personal Information:

This section displays the individuals' other legal names, address, address verification result, date validated and the staff who validated the address. Validation results reveal whether or not the NDL system recognizes the address. If the system recognizes the address, it populates the field with "validated". If the system does not recognize the address, the State agency user can alter the address or override the validation.

### **Disqualification Information:**

This section displays the respective FNS Regional Office, State agency, termination date of the individual, the type of individual disqualification (i.e., FDCH Provider, Independent or Institution Responsible Principal or Individual (RPI), debt owed, original debt amount, amount paid, and date debt paid in full.

- The "Debt Owed" field indicates if the individual owes a debt.
- If an individual owes a debt, the State agency user will be required to enter the original debt amount.
- The "Amount Paid" is an optional field that the user can complete when payment is received.
- When the debt is paid in full, the user enters the date the final payment was made in the "Date Debt Paid in Full". After the debt, including interest, is paid in full, the individual will be removed from the NDL 7 years from the effective date of termination or the date the final payment is entered if greater than 7 years.
- The NDL system displays the disqualification reason(s) at the bottom of the screen, as well as any comments entered.

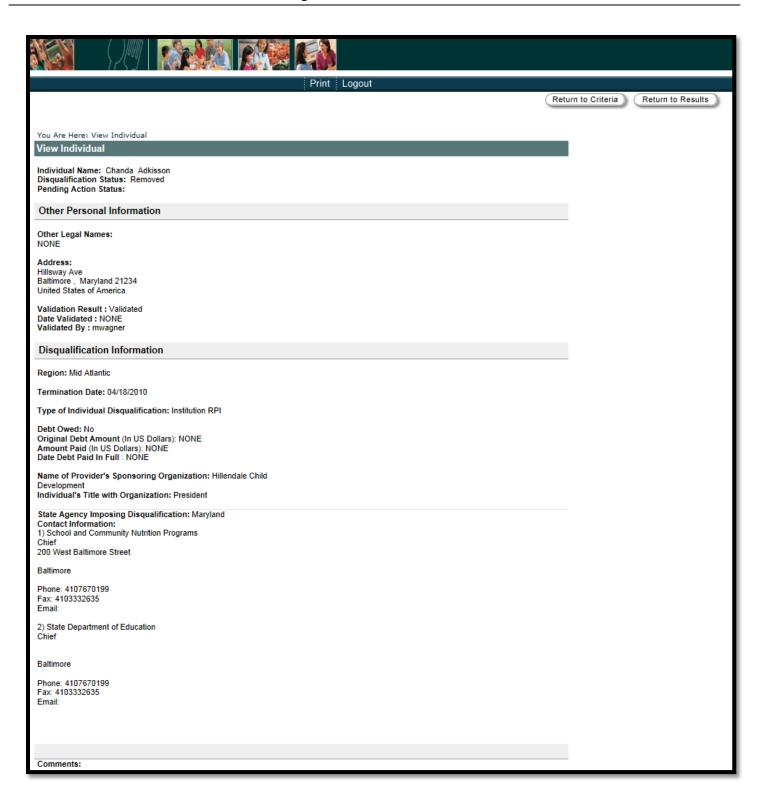


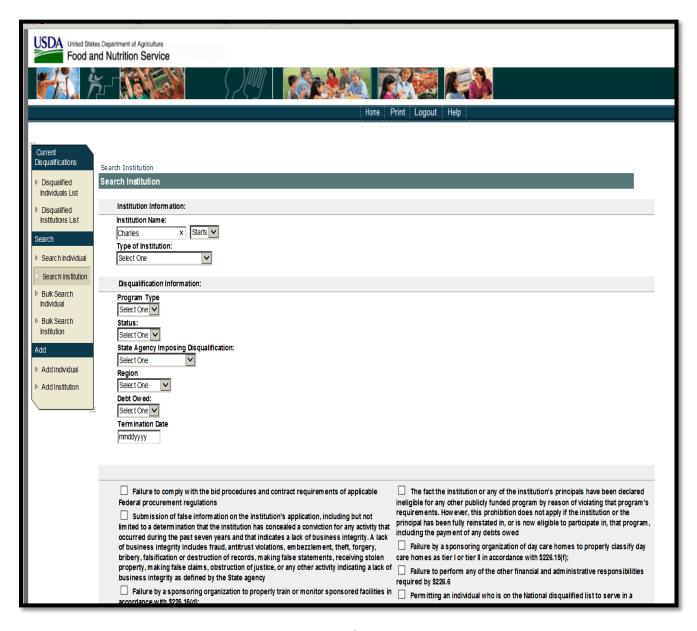
Figure 8: View Individual

# **6 Search Function (Institutions)**

## 6.1 Searches for an Institution (Figure 9)

To perform a search of an institution:

- 1. Click on Search Institution in the left hand menu;
- 2. Enter the search criteria via text entry, checkbox and drop down selections;
- 3. Click on the Submit button.



**Figure 9: Search Institution** 

# 6.1.1 No Match Result (Figure 10)

The NDL system alerts the user when a search produces a "No Match". Users can return to the search function by selecting "Return to Criteria" or the welcome page by selecting "Home".



Figure 10: Search Institution - No Match

# 6.1.2 Match Result (Figure 11)

A search resulting in a match displays the following screen:

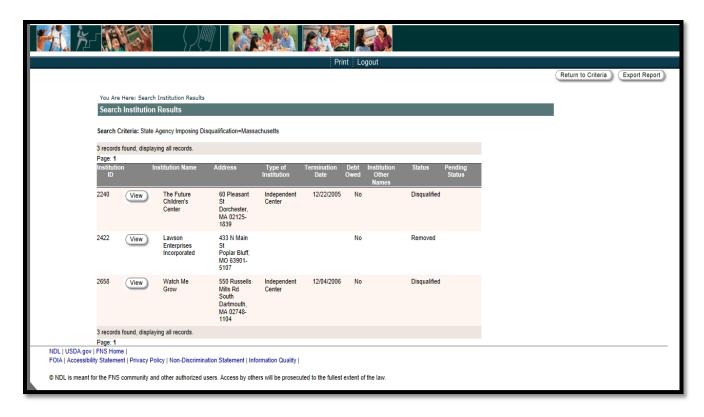


Figure 11: Search Institution - Match Found

### 6.1.3 View Institution (Figure 12)

The "View Institution" screen provides additional information associated with the disqualified institution.

### **View Institution:**

This section displays the full name of the disqualified institution and its status (i.e., Disqualified, Removed or Pending). The status "Removed" means the institution is no longer on the list. The status "Pending" means the State agency submitted the institution for disqualification but the FNS Regional Office has not yet approved the disqualification.

### Other Institution Information:

This section displays the institutions' other names (if any), address, address verification result, date validated and the staff who validated the address. Validation results reveal whether or not the NDL system recognizes the address. If the system recognizes the address, it populates the field with "validated". If the system does not recognize the address, the State agency user can alter the address or override the validation.

### **Disqualification Information:**

This section displays the respective FNS Regional Office, termination date of the institution, debt owed, original debt amount, amount paid, and date debt paid in full.

- The "Debt Owed" field indicates if the institution owes a debt.
- If an institution owes a debt, the State agency is required to enter the original debt amount.
- The "Amount Paid" is an optional field that the FNS user can complete when payment is received.
- When the debt is paid in full, the FNS user enters the date the last payment was made in the "Date Debt Paid in Full". After the debt, including interest, is paid in full, the institution will automatically be removed from the NDL 7 years from the effective date of termination.
- The NDL system displays the disqualification reason(s) at the bottom of the screen, as well as any comments entered.

### **Responsible Principals or Individuals (RPI):**

The section displays the RPI responsible for the disqualification, his or her date of birth, as well as the person's title within the institution and if the person is responsible for the debt. This section also includes other legal names and the address of the RPI.

	Phone: 7813383000			
	Fax: 7813383399			
	Email: nutrition@doe.mass.edu			
	Enail: Hathlion@doc.nabo.cdd			
	Disqualification Reasons:			
	1)Failure to maintain adequate records			
2)Submission of false information on the institution's application, including but not limited to a determination that the institution has concealed a conviction for any activity that occurred during the p years and that indicates a tack of business integrity. A lack of business integrity includes fraud, antitrust violations, embezziement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, m statements, receiving stolen property, making false claims, obstruction of justice, or any other activity indicating a lack of business integrity as defined by the State agency 3)Failure to comply with the bid procedures and contract requirements of applicable Federal procurement regulations			nviction for any activity that occurred during	the past seven
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	Responsible Principals or Individuals			
	First Name: Belva	Middle Nam e: NONE	Last Nam e: Brennan	(View)
	Title: Ow ner	Program Debt: Yes	Individual ID: 12704	
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**Figure 12: View Institution** 

### 7 Bulk Search Individual

### 7.1 Bulk Search for an Individual (Figure 13)

When you click the "Bulk Search Individual" left-side menu option, you are taken to a screen that allows you to upload a comma delimited file for bulk individual searching of the disqualified lists. The bulk-matching file must be a comma-separated values (CSV) file with a .txt extension. Each record in the CSV file should follow the format: first name,last name,date of birth. The date of birth format must be yyyymmdd. Sample record - John,Crane,19661022.

The results screen shows all matches from your search requests as well as any validation errors for records with bad data.



Figure 13: Bulk Search Individual

### **7.1.2 Results (Figure 14)**



Figure 14: Bulk Search Individual Results

### 8 Bulk Search Institution

### 8.1 Bulk Search for an Institution (Figure 15)

When you click the "Bulk Search Institution" left-side menu option, you are taken to a screen that allows you to upload a comma delimited file for bulk institution searching of the disqualified lists. The bulk-matching file must be a comma-separated values (CSV) file with a .txt extension. Each record in the CSV file should follow the format:organization\_name,street\_name,city,zip\_code,fein or duns number. Be sure not to include street numbers or a zip code suffix such as 36301-8023. Sample records: Nettles Academy,Lagrand Dr,Dothan,36301,123

The results screen shows all matches from your search requests as well as any validation errors for records with bad data.

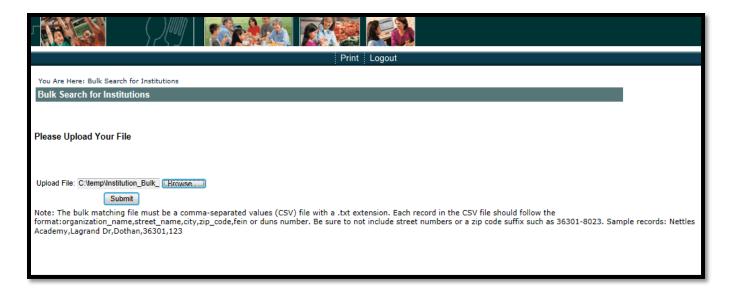
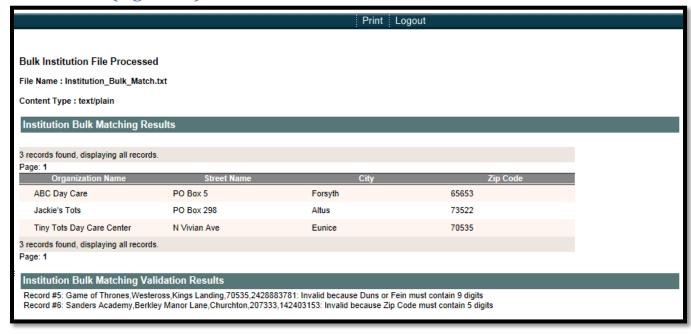


Figure 15: Bulk Search Institution

## **8.1.1 Results (Figure 16)**



**Figure 16: Bulk Search Institution Results** 

# 9 Add Disqualified Individuals to the NDL (Figure 17 and 17.1)

State agency users click on "Add Individual" on the task bar to add the disqualification information of an individual into the system. When adding an individual, fields that are marked with an "\*" are required to be completed in order to save the record.

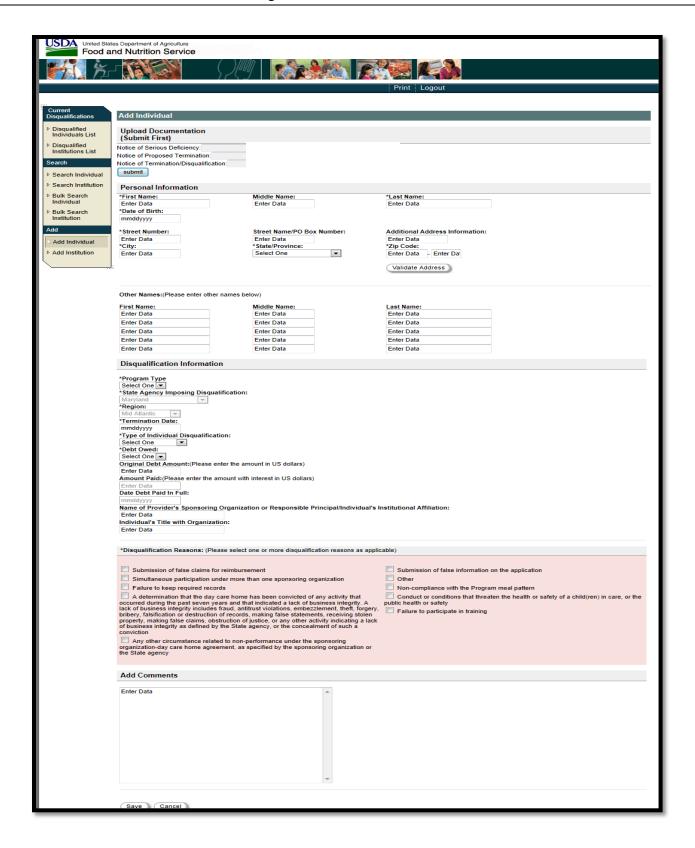
The three mandatory files are uploaded for the disqualification. These files are:

- 1. Notice of Serious Deficiency
- 2. Notice of Proposed Termination
- 3. Notice of Termination/Disqualification

Upon entering the address, click on "Validate Address". If the system successfully verifies the address, it populates the field with "validated". If the system does not recognize the address, the State agency user can alter the address or override the validation.

Select at least one disqualification reason. If "Other" is selected, it must be explained in the "Additional Comments" section.

If the entered data passes all validations, the individual information is saved into the system when the "Save" button is clicked. After successfully saving, the disqualification status of the newly added individual record is set to "Pending" and will appear on the FNS Regional Office pending add list for review/approval.



### Figure 17: Add Disqualified Individuals (top view)

### 10 Add Disqualified Institutions to the NDL (Figure 18 and 18.1)

State agency and FNS users click on "Add Institution" on the task bar to add the information of a disqualified institution to the system. When adding an institution, fields that are marked with an "\*" are required to be completed in order to save the record.

The three mandatory files are uploaded for the disqualification. These files are:

- 1. Notice of Serious Deficiency
- 2. Notice of Proposed Termination
- 3. Notice of Termination/Disqualification

Upon entering the address, click on "Validate Address". If the system successfully verifies the address, it populates the field with "validated". If the system does not recognize the address, the State agency user can alter the address or override the validation.

Select at least one disqualification reason. If "Other" is selected, it must be explained in the "Additional Comments" section.

Enter all of the RPIs. If there is a debt associated with the institution, at least one of its RPI is responsible for the debt.

If the entered data passes all validations, the institution information is saved into the system when the "Save" button is clicked. After successfully saving, the disqualification status of the newly added individual record is set to "Pending" and will appear on the FNS Regional Office pending add list for review/approval.

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► Search Institution ► Bulk Search	*Type of Institution:					
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Institution	Street Number:	*Street Name/PO Box Number	r: Additional Address Information:			
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Add Institution	Enter Data	Select One	Enter Data - Enter Da			
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i	Other Business Names: (Please enter other	or business names below.)				
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	Enter Data					
	Disqualification Information					
	Program Type					
	Select One  *State Agency Imposing Disqualification:					
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	Failure to comply with the bid procedure Federal procurement regulations		The fact the institution or any of the institution's principals have been declared ineligible for any other publicly funded program by reason of violating that program's requirements. However, this prohibition does not apply if the institution or the principal in the principal interest principal in the principal interest			
	The second secon	nstitution's application, including but not has concealed a conviction for any activity	requirements. However, this prohibition does not apply if the institution or the principal has been fully reinstated in, or is now eligible to participate in, that program, including the payment of any debts owed			
	Submission of talse information on their that occurred during the past seven years an lack of business integrity includes fraud, and bribery, falsification or destruction of records property, making false claims, obstruction of of business integrity as defined by the State	trust violations, embezzier enelt, theft, forgery	A payment of any debts owed  Failure by a sponsoring organization of day care homes to properly classify day care homes as tier I or tier II in accordance with \$226.15(f);			
	property, making false claims, obstruction of of business integrity as defined by the State	justice, or any other activity indicating a lack agency	Failure to perform any of the other financial and administrative responsibilities			
	Failure by a sponsoring organization to in accordance with \$226.16(d);	properly train or monitor sponsored facilities	required by \$226.6  Permitting an individual who is on the National disqualified list to serve in a principal capacity with the institution or, if a spongering organization, parmitting such an individual			
	Failure to properly implement and admir administrative review provisions set forth at p	nister the day care home termination and	Permitting an individual who is on the National disqualified list to serve in a principal capacity with the institution or, if a sponsoring organization, permitting such an individual to serve as a principal in a sponsored center or as a day care home			
į	Failure to return to the State agency any	v advance payments that exceeded the	Failure to maintain adequate records Claiming reimbursement for meals not served to participants			
į	amount earned for serving eligible meals, or expansion payments  Failure to adjust meal orders to conform	to variations in the number of participants	<ul> <li>Claiming reimbursement for a significant number of meals that do not meet Program requirements</li> </ul>			
į	Conviction of the institution or any of its	principals for any activity that occurred during	Glaiming reimbursement for meals served by a for-profit adult day care center during a calendar month in which less than 25 percent of its enrolled adult participants were title XIX or title XX beneficiaries			
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	Use of day care home funds by a spons organization's administrative expenses	oring organization to pay for the sponsoring				
	Failure to operate the Program in confor forth in paragraphs (b)(1)(xviii) and (b)(2)(vii)	mance with the performance standards set of \$226.6				
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To remove the above Responsible Principals/Individual, click Remove button Click Save to save this action.						
To add additional Responsible Principals/Individuals, click Add						
						Save Cancel

Figure 18: Add Disqualified Institutions