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Public Displays

- Active Earth Display - designed for visitor centers, small museums, universities, schools
- Customizable Earth science content highlighting real-time data
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Curriculum & Resources

- Activities developed for K-12, undergraduate and graduate classrooms clarify basic seismologic concepts
- Interactive software promotes the successful use of seismographs and seismic data in the classroom
- Posters and information sheets provide fundamentals of seismology

Animations, Visualizations & Videos

- Explore complex Earth science processes through narrated animations and video lectures
- USArray Visualizations show how the ground moves as seismic waves sweep across about 400 earthquake recording stations in EarthScope’s Transportable Array
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Internship Program

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