Like many of the youth in the region, Rodriguez grew up in a modest community. The first in her family to attend college, she attributes many of her achievements to her family’s support.

America's Youth in Crisis Challenges and Options for Programs and Policies

America's Youth in Crisis is both forward-thinking and imaginative and will challenge researchers, policymakers, and practitioners faced with the crisis of American youth. "We need to find a way to tell the story of our nation's youth," says Richard M. Lerner, author of America's Youth in Crisis: Challenges and Options for Programs and Policies. Lerner, a professor of psychology and education at Harvard University, has spent much of his career researching and writing about the lives of America's young people. In this book, he explores the challenges that young people face today, and offers practical solutions for addressing these challenges.

America's Youth in Crisis is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the current state of American youth, and the policies and programs needed to help them achieve their full potential. With his usual flair for making complex ideas accessible, Lerner provides a clear and compelling case for why we must do more to support our young people. This book is essential reading for policymakers, educators, and anyone concerned about the well-being of our nation's youth. It is also a powerful statement of hope, reminding us that we can and must do better for the young people of America. If you care about the future of our nation, you cannot afford to miss this book.