

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 19, 2012

THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-23071

(Commission File Number)

31-1241495

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07094

(Zip Code)

(201) 558-2400

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02      Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On June 20, 2012, the Company announced that Eric Bauer, the Company's Chief Operating Officer, has left the Company effective June 19, 2012.

A copy of the press release announcing the departure of Mr. Bauer is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1      Press Release, dated June 20, 2012

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 20, 2012

**THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES, INC.**

By: /s/ Jane Elfers

Name: Jane Elfers

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

# THE CHILDREN'S PLACE

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## THE CHILDREN'S PLACE ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

**Secaucus, New Jersey – June 20, 2012 – The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: PLCE)**, the largest pure-play children's specialty apparel retailer in North America, today announced that Eric Bauer has left the Company effective June 19, 2012. President and Chief Executive Officer Jane Elfers will resume oversight of the Company's supply chain, store operations, finance, information technology and real estate functions.

Elfers said, "We thank Eric for his contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors."

### **About The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc.**

The Children's Place is the largest pure-play children's specialty apparel retailer in North America. The Company designs, contracts to manufacture and sells fashionable, high-quality merchandise at value prices, primarily under the proprietary "The Children's Place" brand name. As of April 28, 2012, the Company operated 1,062 stores and an online store at [www.childrensplace.com](http://www.childrensplace.com).

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