## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

The Children's Place, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

168905107 (CUSIP Number)

November 17, 2020 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the following box to designate the rule pursuant to which the Schedule is filed:

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⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)

□ Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

# CUSIP No. 168905107

1.	Names of Repo I.R.S. Identific D. E. Shaw & C 13-3799946	cation N	Nos. of above persons (entities only)			
2.	(a)	oropria [ ] [ ]	te Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware					
Number of Shares Beneficially		5.	Sole Voting Power			
Owned by Each Reporting Person With			-0-			
Terson With		6.	Shared Voting Power 733,073			
		7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-			
		8.	Shared Dispositive Power 733,073			
9.	Aggregate Am 733,073	ount B	eneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person			
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]					
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) $5.0\%^{1}$					
12.	Type of Repor	ting Pe	rson (See Instructions)			

<sup>1</sup> On November 17, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. and David E. Shaw became the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the class of securities. On November 18, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. became the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the class of securities. The beneficial ownership information provided in this document is current as of November 18, 2020.

# CUSIP No. 168905107

1.	Names of Rep I.R.S. Identifi D. E. Shaw & 13-3695715	cation	Nos. of above persons (entities only)		
2.	Check the Ap (a) (b)	propri	iate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
3.	SEC Use Only	y			
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware				
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting		5.	Sole Voting Power -0-		
Person With		6.	Shared Voting Power 742,799		
		7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-		
		8.	Shared Dispositive Power 742,899		
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 742,899				
10.	Check if the A	Aggreg	ate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]		
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12.	Type of Repo	rting P	Person (See Instructions)		
<sup>2</sup> On Novemb	or 17 2020 D 1	- Shav	w & Co., T. P. and David E. Shaw became the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the class of s		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On November 17, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. and David E. Shaw became the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the class of securities. On November 18, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. became the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the class of securities. The beneficial ownership information provided in this document is current as of November 18, 2020.

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1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) David E. Shaw				
2.	Check the A (a) (b)	appropr [ ] [ ]	iate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
3.	SEC Use Or	nly			
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization United States				
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		5.	Sole Voting Power -0-		
Terson with		6.	Shared Voting Power 742,799		
		7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-		
		8.	Shared Dispositive Power 742,899		
9.	<b>Aggregate</b> <i>A</i> 742,899	Amount	Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		
10.	Check if the	Aggreg	gate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [	]	
11.	Percent of C 5.1% <sup>3</sup>	Class Re	presented by Amount in Row (9)		
12.	Type of Rep IN	orting I	Person (See Instructions)		
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### Item 1.

#### Name of Issuer (a)

The Children's Place, Inc.

#### **Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices** (b)

500 Plaza Drive Secaucus, NJ 07094

## Item 2.

#### Name of Person Filing (a)

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. David E. Shaw

#### **(b)** Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

The business address for each reporting person is: 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 9th Floor New York, NY 10036

#### (c) Citizenship

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. David E. Shaw is a citizen of the United States of America.

#### (d) **Title of Class of Securities**

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

#### **CUSIP Number** (e)

168905107

#### Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not Applicable

#### Item 4. **Ownership**

As of November 18, 2020:

## (a) Amount beneficially owned:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 733,073 shares

This is composed of (i) 430,799 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 57,300 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of call options, (iii) 244,925 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C.,

and (iv) 49 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C.

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 742,899 shares

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under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

David E. Shaw:

This is composed of (i) 430,799 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 57,300 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of call options, (iii) 244,925 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., (iv) 49 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and (v) 9,826 shares

under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

(b) Percent of class:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 5.0%
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 5.1%
David E. Shaw: 5.1%

(c) Number of shares to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:

O- shares

O- shares

David E. Shaw:

-0- shares

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: 733,073 shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 742,799 shares
David E. Shaw: 742,799 shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:

David E. Shaw:

-0- shares

-0- shares

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

 D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:
 733,073 shares

 D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:
 742,899 shares

 David E. Shaw:
 742,899 shares

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Adviser, L.L.C., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and by virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Manager, L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 742,799 shares, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 742,899 shares, the 742,899 shares as described above constituting 5.1% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 742,899 shares.

## Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

# Item 10. Certification

By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

## **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. Powers of Attorney, dated March 1, 2017, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Nathan Thomas, are attached hereto.

Dated: November 27, 2020

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas

Authorized Signatory

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u>

Nathan Thomas

Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas

Nathan Thomas

Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw

## Exhibit 1

# POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CERTAIN REGULATORY FILINGS INCLUDING CERTAIN FILINGS UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

Edward Fishman,
Julius Gaudio,
Martin Lebwohl,
Maximilian Stone,
David Sweet,
Nathan Thomas, and
Eric Wepsic,

acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, (i) executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc. (acting for itself or as the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. and general partner, managing member, or manager of other entities, any of which in turn may be acting for itself or other entities) all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, other filings, and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with any registration or regulatory disclosure requirements and/or ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Form ADV, Forms 3, 4, 5, and 13F, and Schedules 13D and 13G required to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and (ii) delivering, furnishing, or filing any such documents to or with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing, and/or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof and replaces the power granted on January 1, 2017, which is hereby cancelled.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the date set forth below.

I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute, and appoint each of:

Date: March 1, 2017

DAVID E. SHAW, as President of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc. /s/ David E. Shaw New York, New York

## Exhibit 2

# POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CERTAIN REGULATORY FILINGS INCLUDING CERTAIN FILINGS UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

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Julius Gaudio,
Martin Lebwohl,
Maximilian Stone,
David Sweet,
Nathan Thomas, and
Eric Wepsic,

I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute, and appoint each of:

acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, (i) executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc. (acting for itself or as the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. and general partner, managing member, or manager of other entities, any of which in turn may be acting for itself or other entities) all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, other filings, and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with any registration or regulatory disclosure requirements and/or ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Form ADV, Forms 3, 4, 5, and 13F, and Schedules 13D and 13G required to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and (ii) delivering, furnishing, or filing any such documents to or with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing, and/or filing of the applicable document.

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Date: March 1, 2017

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## Exhibit 3

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the undersigned Reporting Persons hereby agrees to the joint filing, along with all other such Reporting Persons, on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, \$0.10 par value, of The Children's Place, Inc., and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

 $IN\ WITNESS\ WHEREOF,\ each\ of\ the\ undersigned\ hereby\ executes\ this\ Agreement\ as\ of\ this\ 27^{th}\ day\ of\ November,\ 2020.$ 

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u>
Nathan Thomas
Authorized Signatory

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas

Nathan Thomas

Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By: /s/ Nathan Thomas

Nathan Thomas

Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw